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Missile site mushroom clouds blamed for deaths



The area around Sari Ozek in Kazakhstan, where it is claimed people are dying of radiation-related diseases

IN ALMA ATA

KAZAKH shepherds and their flocks are dying in mysterious circumstances around a secret military site, believed to have been used for dismantling the first generation of Soviet

Residents have become so alarmed that they are blaming the deaths on the destruction in the late 1980s of the nuclear missiles covered by the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty. On our farm 15 people have died and so many of our sheep and cattle have dropped dead that we are close to starving," Bahîd Abrov Akybyelyv said. His family lives on a collective farm with 3,000 members which borders on Sari Ozek in the Takly Kurgan region close to Lake Balkash and about 150km north of Aima Ata, capital of Kazakhstan.

The restricted zone covers about 100 square miles. Western experts confirmed that people living close to the area had become increasingly 'paranoid" in recent years over possible radioactive contamination. However, responsibility could not be blamed on the destruction of the INF missiles, they said. American officials at the On-Site

Inspection Agency in Washington, the body responsible for monitoring the destruction of the missiles, confirmed there had been considerable environmental pollution because of the methods used by the Russians. "But there was no radiation involved because the warheads are removed and none of the missile parts is radioactive," an official at the US agency said last night.

The official, who confirmed that there was an INF missile elimination site in the Taldy Kurgan area, said: "If there had been radiation, we would have had a lot of Americans falling ill and dying as well." Mr

er, that there have been radioactive leaks in the area. The lack of official information has encouraged the community to believe that any explosions from the site have been radioactive.

Trained as a physics teacher, Mr

Akybyelyv came to Alma Ata when his family and other members of the collective farm asked him to plead their cause with the authorities. "We have seen blue-and-black mushroom clouds and the earth has trembled, shattering windows and cracking The US official said that American

inspectors who had monitored the Soviet missile decommissioning had been unhappy with the techniques being used. He said they tended to blow up the missiles, without their warheads, in unsophisticated ways, causing big explosions and the formation of "mushroom-shaped" clouds.

The last INF missiles were de-

stroyed at the site in October 1989 but Mr Akybyelyv said the explosions

have continued. An army at the Kazakhstan military headquarters in Alma Ata denied all knowledge of further explosions at Sari Ozek.

Large parts of Kazakhstan are a nuclear wasteland as it was here that Moscow has been testing its nuclear bombs. They were first exploded above ground and later an underground test centre was opened at Semipalatinsk in northeast Kazakhstan. It was closed in 1989 but not before an active anti-nuclear movement called "Semipalatinsk-Nevada" developed. Its symbol has a Red Indian and a Kazakh nomad sharing a peace pipe. After the wide publicity given to the radiation victims around mipalatinsk. Mr Akybyelyv is certain his people are suffering the same

"At first we began to suffer head-aches and high blood pressure, then in 1989 a number of young children died from leukaemia. Several older Continued on page 16, col 5

Two out of

five snub

poll tax

surcharges

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT ALMOST two fifths of adults say they will refuse to pay the poli tax surcharges imposed

to make up for shortfalls caused by the failure of others

to pay the community charge.

An opinion poll carried out by NOP for the Local

Government Chronicle and

the BBC Public Eye programme in the 50 most mar-

ginal constituencies found

that the poll tax was still capable of influencing voters.

tioned, 38 per cent said they

would refuse to pay the sur-charges, which will be as high as £57 in London and are

expected to average £11

across England and Wales.

The main finding of the

poll, that Labour had a 5 per

cent lead over the Tories in

the 50 marginals, was leaked

on Wednesday night. The full

results, published yesterday,

influence of the poll tax. More

than one in four Tory voters who said they would switch

allegiance at the election

named the poll tax as their

main reason for defecting

voters said that if a cut in poll

tax bills were announced in

the Budget they would be more likely to vote Tory and

80 per cent said a cut would

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Fewer than one in ten of

Of the 1,000 voters ques-

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How much did Van Gogh's visit to Britain influence his work? Life & Times Page 3

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Irish judgment opens way to legal abortion

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

minister, who is expected to

THE Supreme Court in Dublin yesterday ruled that abortion is legal in Ireland under the constitution, prompting speculation that legislation may be introduced to allow it in

certain circumstances. The court was explaining the judgment it handed down last week, which overturned an injunction preventing a teenage rape victim from travelling abroad to terminate her pregnancy. The judges said they had reached their 4-1 majority decision because the girl might com-mit suicide if she was forced. to have the baby.

Labour and **Tories level**

The Conservatives and Labour were exactly neck and neck at 38.5 per cent each in the latest opinion poll carried out by Gallup for the Daily Telegraph.
The Liberal Democrass were on 18.5 per cent; if repeated in a general elec-

tion, the result would be a hung parliament. £4 bn giveaway, page 7 Leading article, page 13

NHS claim

The government said that a record fall of 30 per cent in a month in the number of patients waiting more than two years for opera-tions proved that health service reforms were a Page 2

Guards shot Two security guards were

wounded and a police car was hijacked at gunpoint in a city-centre chase in Southampton Page 2

Sea collision

Three men were rescued from a North Sea trawler after its bow had been sliced off in a collision with a merchant ship Page 3

Kerrey quits

Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska became the first casualty of the American presidential primary race when he announced he was quitting..... Page 10

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discuss the case with opposi-tion leaders, refused to discuss the implications of the ruling until it had been studied in detail. A spokesman said, however, that the government was keeping its options open and a second referendum could still be held to amend the pro-life constitutional clause. The ruling means that the

girl, aged 14, could have an abortion in Ireland, although it is unlikely to be available to her. The Supreme Court has shown that despite the constitutional ban, the pro-life clause does provide for terminations in some cases. As this is the first time the amendment has been tested in the courts, no legal abortions have been performed in Ireland since the constitution

was changed in 1983. Mr Justice Thomas Finlay, the Lord Chief Justice, told a packed court yesterday that if it was established as probability that there was a real or substantial risk to the life, rather than the health, of the mother, then abortion was permissible. Neither the girl nor her parents were in court.

The ruling was welcomed by liberal groups, but the pro-life movement was dismayed by the judgment, which it regarded as compromising the principle that the unborn child should be protected in all circumstances. The Society for the Protection of Un-born Children said it would not comment until it had studied the judgment, bur it added that the decision ap-peared to legalise abortion in Ireland. The Roman Catholic

church, which did not com-



Finlay: risk to mother's life justifies abortion

ment yesterday, is expected to discuss the ruling at a meeting of bishops in Maynooth, Co Kildare, next week.

The key to the ruling was the court's interpretation of the mother's right to life, which is also enshrined in the constitutional amendment. The clause says: "The state acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right."
Mr Justice Finley said the

clause must be interpreted with "prudence, justice and clarity". Quoting evidence before the High Court, which imposed the injunction, that the girl had expressed a desire to kill herself on a number of occasions, he argued that there was a substantial risk to her life and it could only be safeguarded by allowing a termination. "It is common sense that the threat of selfdestruction such as that outlined in this case cannot be

monitored," he told the court. By interpreting the clause in this way, Mr Justice Finlay has overturned the view of Mr. Justice Declan Costello, the High Court judge. He said the risk that the teenager might take her own life was "much less and of a different order of magnitude than the certainty that the life of the unborn will be terminated" if an abortion was allowed.

A second Supreme Court judge criticised successive governments for failing to egislate guidelines more than eight years after the constitution had been amended, since the clause was "bare of legislative direction". Mr Justice Niall Mc-Carthy said this was not just unfortunate but inexcusable.

Only one judge, Mr Justice Anthony Hederman, dissent-ed. He argued that there was a "remarkable paucity" of evidence that the girl might take her own life. He said that the evidence there was did not justify withdrawing from the foctus the protection it had been guaranteed by the High Court injunction. The state must, in princi-

ole, act in accordance with the mother's duty to carry out the pregnancy and, in principle, must also outlaw termi-



The wizard of Oz: Ian Botham celebrating one of his four wickets in England's World Cup triumph against Australia in Sydney yesterday

To Keating from Botham, with love

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT. IN SYDNEY

embattled prime minister, has spent the past week urging his countrymen to shake the English influence out of their hair. He had reckoned

without Ian Botham.
Yesterday at the Sydney
Cricket Ground, in the biggest match so far of the cricket World Cup, Botham took four wickets in seven balls and then scored a rumbus-

PAUL Keating, Australia's he smirked to an Australian interviewer later. Ever since he first burst on to the Test scene, against Greg Chappell's 1977 Australians, Botham has made it his business to antagonise

England's oldest cricketing The defeat was Australia's third in four World Cup

games. But for their one-run win against India, they would tious 53 as England won by eight wickets. "I think the Queen was watching on TV." even now be virtually eliminated from a competition which they began as

favourites. "They are down," said Botham with unmistak-able relish, before adding with a hint of regret, "but they are not out just yet."
Almost 40,000 people

squeezed into the atmospher-ic ground last night; most of them were filing out again long before Robin Smith hit the winning run. Allan Border, Australia's captain, is a Continued on page 16, col 2

Viv Richards, page 30 England's victory, page 32

How 'Hello' won the first of the phoney wars

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN.NEW YORK

FOR all those worried about the etiquette of answering cell phones in bars or the correct greeting for voice mail, a New York professor has come up with an intriguing historical nugget. If Thomas Edison's idea had not beaten

Thomas Edison's loca had not beaten
Alexander Bell's, we could all be answering the phone with a cheery "Ahoy!"
After burrowing for five years in the
archives of the American Telephone and
Telegraph Company (AT&T), Allen Koenigsberg, a classicist at Brooklyn College, has solved what the experts call the
"hello puzzle" by finding proof that
Edison crited the greeting to start a Edison coined the greeting to start a

friend that a hearty "Hello" seemed the

best way of attracting someone's attention and also for answering. He apparently adapted the word from the older hunting call "Hulloo" and the British "Hallo!", that expression of surprise favoured until recently by London policemen. When he invented the phonograph in July 1877. Edison yelled the hunting "Halloo!" into the mouthpiece. Mr Koenigsberg said. Neither "Hallo" nor "Hullo" was used as a greeting, as

the Oxford dictionary points out.

Beli had been insisting that any chat
on his instrument should be opened
with an "Alloy!", a low-technology utterance he would have learnt in his Scottish childhood.

When the New Haven exchange telephone call.

In a letter in August 1877, a year after Bell patented his invention and six months before the first public exchange opened in Connecticut, Edison told a opened in Connecticut openator's manual. "If you think about it," said Mr Koenigsberg, who will his finding in the Arm who published his finding in the An-

tique Phonograph Monthly, "Why didn't Stanley say hello to Livingstone? The word didn't exist." The American "Hello" proved a social liberator. "The phone overnight cut right through the 19th-century etiquette that you don't speak to anyone unless you've been introduced," Mr Koenigsberg told The New York Times.

By the mid-1890s, telephone operators in America and London were known as "hello girls", as the OED records, but the discovery of the letter will force a revision in the dictionary which now dates the first reported "Hello" to 1883. Mr. Koenigsberg even in-earthed a telephonic "hello" in a Mark Twain sketch of 1880. Mr. Koenigsberg's report comes as AT&T this week said it would phase out

human operators and replace them with computers which recognise instructions from the human voice, including, one supposes, "Hello".



VENTURE A LITTLE HIGHER FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE.

Cuts in waiting lists hit other patients, specialists claim

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD fall of 30 per an extra 3.270 patients in cent in a month in the number of patients waiting more than two years for operations proved the success of health service reforms, William Waldegrave the health secretary said yesterday. But Labour produced nine distinguished specialists who said that the reforms were misconceived and unsatisfactory.

Mr Waldegrave released figures showing that hospitals, which have been holding special clinics at evenings and weekends, had cleared almost 9,000 patients from the twoyear list in January alone, leaving just over 20,000 to be treated by his self-imposed deadline of the end of this month. "At that rate I think

we will achieve our target." However, he later admitted that the number waiting less than one year had risen by

Ulster's power stations' are sold

BY ROSS TIEMAN

THE government has agreed the £353 million sale of Northern Ireland's power stations to three bidders, including British Gas, paving the way for the introduction of natural gas to the province.

The sale of the generating plants is the prejude to the planned stock market flotation of the rump of Northern Ireland Electricity (NIE) as a distribution and supply busi-ness later this year. Disposal of the province's electricity industry has also been exploited to integrate its energy industry with that of main-

British Gas, which is to buy the Ballylumford power sta-tion for £132.4 million, will convert it to burn gas. Under the agreement, the pipeline necessary to feed the power station will have spare capacity so that gas supplies can be restored elsewhere in the

Two power stations, Belfast West and Kilroot, will be bought by a consortium made up of Applied Energy Services of the United States and Tractebel, a Belgian energy utility, for £214 million. Coolkeeragh power station will be bought by a group of managers and employees of

NIE for £6.5 million. At a press conference in Belfast with representaives of the four buyers, Richard Needham, Northern Ireland economy and energy minis-ter, denied that the £353 million sale was timed to release money for a pre-election

It was the culmination of up to five years' work in planning and, latterly in detailed and complex negotiations, he

With an agreement now signed with the European Commission, under which Brussels would meet 35 per cent of the costs of the gas pipeline and an electrical interconnector from Scotland, Ulster's former heavy dependence upon imported oil and coal, both for electricity generation and domestic heating, would be eased. The community would see economic and environmental January (0.4 per cent), although the overall waiting list trend was still downward.

Labour's specialists - notably more eminent than those who have spoken for the government - criticised his aim of clearing the two-year lists by the end of next month for diverting resources from needier patients. "It means you are shifting the waiting list by reducing the list for cold [routine] surgery but in-creasing it in casualty," Pro-fessor John Moxham, consultant in thoracic medicine at King's College Hospital, ast London, said.

Sir Douglas Black, former president of the Royal College of Physicians, described the idea of the internal market as misconceived. Sir Christopher Booth, past president of the British Medical Association, said there was evidence of creeping privatisation. Pro-fessor Robert Winston, an infertility specialist at Hammersmith Hospital, west London, said doctors had to be concerned with cost "but they are having to make it a sine qua non of treating

Earlier, Mr Waldegrave told the Institute of Health Services Management that the NHS was on course to treat 5.6 per cent more acute in-patients this year, 7.9 million in all, on the basis of figures for the first nine months of the reforms. But Robin Cook, for Labour, disputed this figure too. Returns from regional health authorities showed a 10 per cent fail in patients treated in the last three months of last year, he said, implying a year-end total of 7.45 million.

The real figures reveal that William Waldegrave has in-flated his forecast by half a million patients who are not really there," he said.

Mr Waldegrave also announced a big expansion of the GP fundholding scheme with 280 practices joining the

expected in April next year. By then, one in four people would be registered with a GP fundholder, he said.

In an uncharacteristic attack on Labour's record, a measure of the rising political temperature over the NHS, Mr Waldegrave claimed that the last Labour government had cut capital spending on the NHS by 30 per cent. The Conservative government had increased it by 76 per cent since 1979, he said. But he again fell foul of

claimed that spending on the NHS since 1979 as a propor-tion of gross domestic product had risen faster than the European Community aver-"It is true that the amount of resources has in-creased but we are still right at the bottom of the European table for spending as a percentage of GDP, with the exception of Greece," Professor Philip Steer, head of the department of obstetrics at Charing Cross Hospital, said.

Mr Cook had been sched-

uled to appear on the same conference platform as Mr Waldegrave but his place was taken at the last minute by health spokesman Harriet Harman. Furious delegates called Mr Cook's failure to turn up "a disgrace". Mr Cook said his absence was because he was chairing the Westminster news conference to "enable those who work in the health service to comment on the claims that are being made on their behalf by min isters". He added that Mr Waldegrave decided to attend when he found out Mr Cook would not be up against him. Deter Griffiths, chief executive of Guy's and Lewisham trust, told MPs that he was setting up an independent enquiry into allegations that four cardiac patients had died because there was not enough money to treat them



Gunman's victim: David Loveridge, one of two security guards shot yesterday, being taken to hospital

Cash raiders shoot security guards

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN ARMED robber was being hunted last night after two security guards were wounded and a police car was hijacked at gunpoint in a city centre chase. Police cordoned off a residential area of Southampton during the search for the man, aged about 30 and described as

dangerous.

Detectives began questioning another man held after the hijacked police car was halted by unarmed police who rammed it and forced it The two guards, named as

brief the press in advance to

discredit the poll and to take the steam out of it. A Conser-

vative press conference on

Wednesday provided the ide-

al opportunity. A senior min-ister briefed unattributably half a dozen political report-

ers about a survey whose find-ings he described as "bilge." It is not clear if the Tory

strategists expected the re-porters to write up the poll results, as most did. The

Tories were on thin ground in

attacking the poll's method-ology. NOP's rivals were

ouick to come to its aid. even

those who work privately for

the Conservative party. The

methods that were used were

standard practice, press

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enquirers were told.

Peter Tatum, aged 35, and David Loveridge, aged 44, both from the Southampton area, received emergency treatment in hospital. Mr Tatum was shot once and Mr Loveridge two or three times. They are not thought to be critically injured.

The guards were attacked as they were delivering cash to a bank in Southampton High Street. Derek Watts, a business consultant who saw the attack, said he heard shouting and saw the guards struggling with one of the men. "Suddenly, another robber with a hand gun stepped back and shouted 'Give us the money'. He then shot one of the guards at least three times," Mr Watts said: "It was a barbaric act and completely in cold blood. The guy didn't even

As the guards lay bleeding, the raiders fled on a highpowered motor-cycle clutch-ing bags of cash. After dumping the vehicle half a mile away at the Centre 2000 swimming pool, they drove off in a white Astra car. Police Sergeant David

Sawle spotted the stolen Astra, gave chase in his patrol car and cornered the Astra. As he attempted to contact other officers, one of the rob-bers tore his radio microphone from his uniform.

Another policeman, PC Clive Brook, tried to arrest them but they escaped in his patrol car after threatening

him with a pistol.

Within minutes, the robbers' car was halted after police jammed their vehicle next to the driver's door, trapping the driver. The sec-

The definitive objective

sampling by two academics, Catherine Marsh and Elinor

Scarbrough, published by the Market Research Society last year. It shows that there are

'large differences" between

However, some psepholo-

gists have yet to be persuaded

that random sampling proves

better in practice. They point

out that the method depends

on how successful pollsters

are in contacting everyone

selected from the register.

Harris achieves an imperfect

70 per cent. "There is noth-

ing that confirms that non-

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sex University, said.

Professor ivor Crewe, of Es-

convinced, either, of the superiority of marginal over nat-

ional polls. In theory, it is

better to poll only in the seats

that could change hands.

Labour could be ahead na-

tionally because it is piling up

votes in its safe seats. But

under Britain's single mem-

ber constituency electoral sys-

tern, that would not win it any

In practice, marginal poll-

ing has a mixed record. In the

1987 election, marginal polls by Mori for *The Times* pre-dicted the Tory landslide. But

one marginal poll before poll-ing day suggested that Lab-

our was doing much better in

marginal-seats. When real

votes were counted, this mar-

ginal effect did not

materialise. "There is no rea-

son why marginal polls should be worse," Professor

Crewe said. "But in fact they

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have been worse."

extra seats.

Most psephologists are not

samples using the two

methods.

Car bomb injures five police

A car bomb containing up to 1,000lb of explosives injured five policemen and two women and devastated a town centre yesterday.

The bomb was driven into Lurgan, Co Armagh, in a pick-up truck. A second high-jacked vehicle carried other members of the gang, police said yesterday. They appealed for information about a gold Vauxhall Cavalier car believed to have been used by the bombers.

A warning had been issued and the area was being cleared when the bomb exploded. The injured officers were guarding a security cordon; three were detained in hospital with leg injuries. Workmen have begun repair-ing shattered houses in the immediate area of the blast in Market Street. Another car bomb serious-

ly damaged government buildings in Belfast early yes-terday, when the offices of the housing executive were particularly badly hit.

A British soldier was inured yesterday afternoon in a bomb explosion on the Tyrone-Monaghan border. The soldier was caught in the blast at a point known as Savour Royal in South Ty-rone. The RUC said his condition was not serious but he had been detained in hospital.

Doctors given job-share plan

The heads of Britain's medical schools have drawn up a radical plan to ease the plight of overworked junior doctors. It involves the sharing of each junior post by two doctors, cutting their workload and

improving supervision.

Medical students now spend five years in training before qualifying, followed by a year on the wards before admission as fully fledged doctors. Under the plan, they would qualify six months or a year earlier and spend two pre-registration years on the wards.

Listen to youth, princess says

Young people are so exposed to crime that many see it as normal behaviour and a way of settling differences and getting what they want, the Princess Royal said yesterday.

The Princess told a meeting of Crime Concern in London that that attitude needed to be changed and urged society to listen to the views of young people. She said young people learnt more about values from the way they were treated than from a lecture. She said surveys showed that children and teenagers had a "shockingly high" level of contact with crime.

Police tribunal

A special tribunal will sit next month at Scotland Yard to assess the case of Wyn Jones. the assistant commissioner suspended in 1990 after allegations of impropriety. The tribunal, expected to sit in private, will be held by a QC working with a lay adviser on police matters. His report will be sent to Sir Peter Imbert. the commissioner of the Metropolitan police, and the home secretary.

Dealer jailed

A "crack" dealer was jailed for 17 years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after the attempted murder of a detective, who was shot through the heart in a drugs raid. Judge Richardson, OC said Det Constable Paul Hughes, aged 28, had survived only by a "miracle". Sammy Lewis, aged 22, of Kilburn, northwest London, was lured into a police ambush in March last year.

They also serve The government is proposing to create an "ever ready" force of former service personnel and civilians who would be liable to early call up in the event of another war. The plan is to encourage people with specialist expertise to back up the regulars. Tom

King, the defence secretary, published an open government document yesterday calling on employers to give their views on the proposal.

Leaking of opinion poll in marginals Parties polls apart in the

Tory HQ points finger of guilt at unnamed reporter

AN UNIDENTIFIED journalist was fingered by Conser-vative Central Office last night as the source of a leak which caused the results of an opinion poll of marginal seats to be emblazoned

scross yesterday's papers.
Suspicions had wrongly centred on Michael Portillo, the local government minister, who learned on Tuesday of the results of a poll of 50 marginal seats giving Labour a dramatic 5 point lead. The NOP poll for the Local

Government Chonicle and the BBC2 Public Eye programme was shown to Mr Portillo on Tuesday at his request by John Andrew, a reporter on the programme. when he was being interviewed about its findings. Bryan Gould, his Labour shadow who was also questioned, was given the same

information. Mr Portillo reacted furiously last night when accused by Mr Gould of leaking the poll. It was a breach of faith, Mr Gould fulminated, "Mr Portillo and I were interviewed on the strict understanding that the poll findings were confi-

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Philip Webster disentangles the web of claim and counter claim to find the truth of the disclosure

dential until broadcast." Mr Portillo accused Mr Gould of a "libellous attack." He had not leaked the poll. "I understand that details of the poll were supplied to Conservarive Central Office by a journalist and that central office passed the details to other journalists."

A senior minister leaked the details of the poll to journalists on Wednesday. Mr Portillo said last night that he had told a central office colleague of the results of the poil but had been assured confidentiality had not been broken.

Mr Portillo knew nothing of the briefing to journalists on Wednesday. He admitted he was taken aback to see yesterday that it had leaked. He said he had been assured by central office that his information had not been the basis of the briefing given by the

senior minister to journalists. However it reached them. Tory strategists realised that a poll suggesting a 7 h point swing to Labour in the seats vital to the outcome of the election might have had a disastrous effect on morale. What was worse, they did not A decision was taken to



furious

LABOUR could expect a majority of 35 over the Tories if NOP's poll published in the Local Government Chronicle yesterday is repeated on polling day, leaving them only a few seats short of an overall

majority. The poll, conducted with a sample of 1,000 in the 50 most marginal Tory seats last Wednesday, shows a swing there of 7 h points from Tory general election. This sug-gests that Labour would win 317 seats in the next House of Commons, compared with

283 for the Tories. With recent nationwide polls showing the two parties neck and neck, this is a demoralising result for the Tories. Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, said yesterday that a poll which "involved inter-viewing probably 20 people on the street" was not regarded by them as representative.

Asked about the polls, the party has played down nat-ional polling. It has instead cited its private polls conducted in marginal constituen-cies. There, they claim to be several percentage points

The party has been polling in the marginals using the Harris Research Centre. Harris's sample of more than 4,000 is larger than NOP's, but above 1,000, sample size makes only a small difference to poli accuracy.

Mr Patten is obviously

formula for winning votes Robert Waller, of Harris, Different methods of conducting study of the question is Nine surveys can be a Hypotheses about quota

big influence on their results, writes David Lipsey

between his knocking of NOP

and his promotion of his own

polls - and his remarks hint at the Tory defence. The relevant phrase is "on the street". For its Tory polling, Harris is using an unusual technique. Most pollsters, includ-ing NOP, use what is called a quota sample. Interviewers are asked to find respondents who fit a certain description. The number interviewed in each category corresponds with the proportion in that category in the country as a whole. This is standard practice for national polls, but it is

more difficult to apply in indi-vidual seats where class data in particular is not available. The Tories argue that this method distorts the results. Interviewers choose people meeting these descriptions on the street. But they may not be typical. For example, since y are on the street, they are unlikely to be people who work long hours in the office.

who work long hours are more likely to vote for them. chosen at random off the electoral register. "It must be

The Tories argue that those Harris interviews voters

methodologically superior,"

Cheeses avoid the traps of EC law

THE Prince of Wales need not worry about the future of French farmhouse cheeses for they are not in danger, the EC commissioner in charge of food hygiene in the single market said

Martin Bangemann, German commissioner and noted Brussels trencherman, wrote yesterday to the prince who recently supported a campaign by the makers of French local cheeses against new regulations being prepared by the EC.

The prince's Paris speech has at-tracted widespread attention in France where objections to over-regulation by Brussels have increased dramatically. Herr Bangemann said that in framing new rules the Commission was trying to balance the "need to maintain free informed choice with the imperatives of consumer safety". He said that no one in Brussels wanted to confine Europe's culinary riches in a straitjacket

Herr Bangemann pointed out that the first proposals for a change in rules governing cheese labels came from Britain after scares about germs lurk-ing in tasty cheeses. The British ideas were rejected as likely to spell the end of many "delicious" cheeses.

To avoid having the Continent's farmhouses patrolled by "bacteriological" police, Herr Bangemann says that he has drawn up flexible codes and procedures for checking food safety which can be adjusted to different foods and different sizes of firms.

"In this way," he wrote to the prince, "the traditional knowledge and skills will be drawn on to a maximum and the farmhouse cooks you refer to will not be subjected to the methods appropriate to a large industrial concern." Mr Bangemann quotes - but misspells -Laurence Sterne writing that "they order . . . this matter better in France' This is right for cheese, the commis sioner said, and it would be "a sad day for all if this glorious French heritage were to be pasteurised and homogenised out of existence". Britain's most famous cheese shon

has been saved, by one of its assistants. The Wells Stores, for 35 years the headquarters of Patrick Rance who spearheaded a campaign to promote and protect real farmhouse cheese. went into receivership last month after Mr Rance's son, Hugh, had the business moved from Streatley, Berkshire, to larger premises in Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Gill Draycott, who has worked in the store for the past 18 months, mortgaged her home to buy the business.

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Baby-sit girl, Crew saved after ship bow is severed aged 11, killed child who cried

when she appeared at

The judge in yesterday's

case postponed sentence for

medical and probation re-ports on the girl.

was told that the girl became irritated by Sean's persistent crying and ran upstairs to attack him in his cot. She had

been paid £3.50 to look after

him and his sister, Kirsty, aged four, in Blyth, North-umberland, while their moth-

er, Karen Graham, aged 23,

The jury was told that Sean received 25 injuries when his

head was banged against the

cot bars and his neck

squeezed before his air supply was cut off. When Mrs Gra-

ham, who is separated from her husband, returned home

from a night out with her boy

friend, the baby-sitter told her

the evening had "gone time". Some time later Mrs Gra-

ham, a former nursery nurse,

went upstairs to check on her

children and found her son

After the verdict yesterday

Mrs Graham said: "I just want this nightmare to end. I

hope she gets the help she really needs because there is

something sadly the matter with her. I have had to be strong for Kirsty's sake."

The baby-sitter claimed that she had not harmed

Sean while she was in the

house. She said that blood-

stains on her jeans and socks, which matched the boy's blood group, had come from a cousin who had been visit-

ing the house that evening

when Sean dropped his feed-

ing bottle and cut his lip. The prosecution said that she had

attacked Sean in a temper

when his cries disturbed a

The girl is expected to stay at the Aycliffe Centre for Children in Co Durham,

which houses some of the

country's most dangerous

and disturbed youngsters.

dead in his cot.

During the trial the court

A GIRL aged 11 who lost her ordered to be detained for life temper when she was babysitting and attacked an 18month-old boy because he would not stop crying was found guilty of his man-slaughter yesterday.

She battered Sean Graham

against the bars of his cot and suffocated him by nipping his nose with her fingers and clamping her hand across his mouth. When the boy's mother returned home the babysitter told her that the evening had gone "fine" and left the

The girl, who is now aged 12, cried when the jury of eight men and four women found her guilty of man-slaughter after a nine-day trial at Newcastle upon Tyne crown court. She was cleared of murder.

The girl, who cannot be named for legal reasons, is believed to be the youngest female to be convicted in a British court of killing since Mary Bell 24 years ago; a boy aged 11 was found guilty of manslaughter in Lancashire in 1990.

Bell, aged 11, was convictboys, aged four and three, by smothering them, and was

French named as biggest cheats

BY RAY CLANCY

THE French are Europe's least trustworthy citizens and are more likely to buy stolen goods, claim state benefits to which they are not entitled and drive off after hitting a

parked car, according to a survey published yesterday. The British are litter louts, the Belgains tax cheats, the truth, the Dutch joyriders and the Germans most likely

to be drunk drivers. Only Denmark emerges as having a righteous popula-tion in the survey by the European Value Systems Study Group, a network of academics who questioned 19,000 people in 13 countries. Danes are least likely to accept bribes, buy stolen goods, drop litter or drink and drive.

The Norwegians are moralistic when it comes to claiming state benefits, with 95 per cent saying that it was never or rarely justified. The Swedes adopt a stern line on drinking and driving, 99 per cent objecting strongly. The people of Northern Ire-

land emerged as more moral than their counterparts in the rest of the United Kingdom. The northern Irish were the least likely to avoid tax, take part in joyriding or keep mon-

ey found in the street.

The Portuguese are the biggest fare dodgers and the most likely to keep money found in the street. Spaniards also show a high level of fare avoidance, joyriding and keeping lost money. Suggestions why the

French had an image of cheating was that many were fed up with the system and showed a waning interest in the church, and that civic from the school curriculum.

THREE men rescued from a

trawler early yesterday after the vessel's bow was sliced off by a merchant ship in the North Sea were lucky to have survived, coastguards said.

The crew of the Grimsby-

registered Suromaa broad-cast a Mayday message about lam saying that the trawier had been struck by a cargo boat, 30 miles northeast of Whitby. The trawler's bow had been sliced off, the hull was taking in water and her skipper feared she would

A transport department spokesman said that the merchantman had been identified by another fishing boat in the area. Investiga-tors believe they know the name of the vessel, which had a foreign registration and was expected to dock in Britain yesterday, he said.

An RAF helicopter from Leconfield airlifted the three crew from the trawler and flew them to Whitby. A coastguard spokesman said that the men, all from Hartlepool, were shaken and had been cut and bruised.

Alan Greenwood, aged 29, the skipper of the Suromaa, was on watch in the wheelhouse at the time of the accident. His brother Darren, aged 25, and Mal-colm Gretton, aged 21, were asleep below. Mr. Gretton said that he

as woken by a loud bang. When we got on deck we saw the front of the boat had been hit, and it was taking in water. I could see the outline of a ship as it sailed on."

After the air rescue, the Whitby lifeboat towed the drifting trawler back to port. Steve Smith, of Caley Fisheries, owners of the trawler, said: "The lads have been very shocked and distressed by the incident. But they are alive. It all happened very quickly and it is a mystery where the other boat got to. Mr Gretton eriticised the

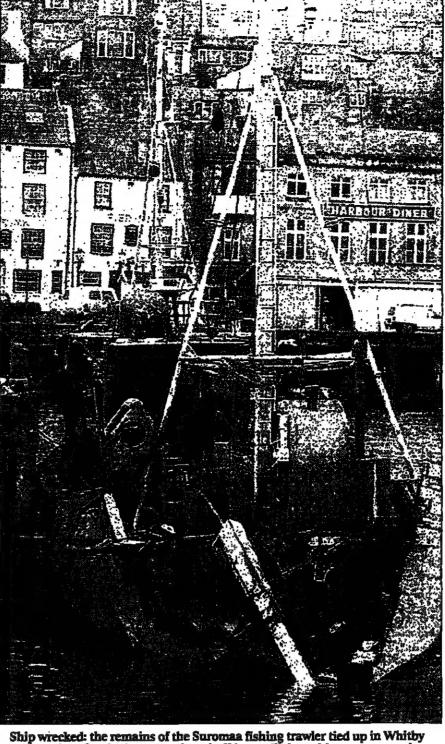
captain and crew of the other vessel. "They should have stopped. They must have known they hit something." Marine accident investigators from the transport department yesterday launched an enquiry into the collision, which took place

outside UK territorial wa-

ters. They will examine the

merchant vessel suspected of being involved in the acci-dent after she has docked

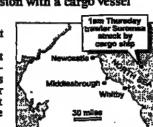
and will interview the trawl-



Ship wrecked: the remains of the Suromaa fishing trawler tied up in Whitby yesterday after its bow was ripped off in a collision with a cargo vessel

weather was calm with good ing fast and lives were put at visibility when the collision risk. occurred. Arnold Harper, a Whitby lifeboarman who examined the Suromaa after she had been towed into port, said: "Judging by the damage caused, the other

"This was an accident waiting to happen. Unfortunately, many vessel owners are involved in minor scrapes and just sail off. But this is far more serious," he



Tough line urged on office sex pests

By Allson Roberts AND RICHARD FORD

EMPLOYERS were urged to take tougher action against sexual harassment yesterday. An employment department leaflet dealing with bottompinching, innuendo and intimidation will be sent to 100,000 companies.

The leaflet says that sexual harassment "can seriously affect the confidence of your employees and consequently how well they do their jobs."

Guidelines are laid down for employers consistent with the European Commission's recommended code of prac-tice. Sexual harassment is defined as "unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, or other conduct based on sex affecting the dignity of women and men at work". It recommends drawing up a company policy and explains the procedures to be followed after a complaint.

The guidelines come after a survey earlier this year which said victims were more likely than their persecutors to be forced to switch jobs.

Many large firms have a working code already in place. The Post Office equal opportunities manager, Ken Best, is in charge of the group's policy. He said: "It was introduced in 1989 and we have seen more cases since then, probably because it is easier for women to come forward. It has put sexual harassment on managers' agendas and forces people to take it seriously."

Brenda Wilkinson, women's officer for Brighton bor-ough council, introduced its code in 1990. She said: "We concentrated on creating a network of sympathetic women, and it was women that came to us rather than men, so that there was always someone to go to."

In a move to improve equal opportunity in the civil service, government departments will have to set targets for the proportion of women to be appointed to different grades. Ministers want an increase in the number of women appointed to science and engineering posts in Whitehall and the semi-independent agencies and an improvement in their represen-

Clamper stalked disabled driver

A zealous wheel clamper who stalked a disabled woman before fining her £45 has been dismissed.

Clampdown Security yesterday admitted that the warden waited for wheelchairbound Gillian Matthews. aged 55, to go to the shops in the Old George Mall in Salisbury, Wiltshire, before clamping her Ford Escort.

David Dalton, a company spokesman, said that the warden hid while she parked her car. "It was very naughty. He has been dismissed. He was not suitable - he was over zealous." He said that wardens' wages depended on the number of motorists they clamp. The firm would gladly

refund Mrs Matthews.
Mrs Matthews, who lives near Wincanton, Somersel, said that she was allowed to park in a service area.

£11 m reserve

The biggest man-made nature reserve in Britain, costing £11 million and covering 2,500 acres in Teesside, is to be inaugurated by Michael Heseltine the environment secretary in London on Monday. Habitats will be created in reedbeds, grassland, swamp, saltmarsh and woodlands. The site, formerly owned by ICI and centred on the Tees estuary, is used by wading birds and wildfowl.

Guilty drivers

Three in five motorists are breaking motorway speed limits, according to figures published by the transport lepartment yesterday. Hidden detectors checked five million motorway cars. Nearly one in four were driven at more than 80mph. Surveys on other roads showed that ilmost one in three buses and coaches exceeded the 60mph

Trader jailed

A securities dealer was jailed for two and a half years yesterday for using his clients' money to try to rescue his ailing group. Andrew Taylor Kimmins. aged 33, of Putney, southwest London, who admitted two charges of fraudulent trading in relation to Blade Securities and Blade rious breaches of trust", said ludge Anwyl-Davies, OC Southwark crown court.

Checks could cut bowel cancer risk

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCREENING everyone for signs of bowel cancer could save thousands of lives, researchers from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund said

An examination at the age of 55 would identify those at higher risk of cancer, who would undergo regular checks and have pre-cancerous growths removed. Dr Jack Cusick, of the fund, said yesterday that such a screening programme could reduce by 80 per cent the 6,000 deaths every year in Britain from cancer of the rectum.

In today's issue of The New England Journal of Medi-cine, the fund's Dr Wendy Atkin and Dr Cusick, and Dr Basil Morson, of St Mark's hospital. London, describe a study of 1,618 patients re-ferred to St Mark's with common bowel problems, and who had at least one precancerous growth. They foilowed the patients' progress for an average of 14 years. The study found that about

half those with a growth were at no greater risk than the rest of the population. Only about 5 per cent needed repeated

A second study in the same journal, by an American group led by Dr Joe Selby, of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program in Oakland, California, showed that patients who had been screened within the past ten years had a 60 to 70 per cent reduction in the risk of death from rectal or colon cancer. ☐ Dietary changes and cholesterol lowering drugs can reverse the narrowing of arteries in patients with coro-nary heart disease, a seven-

year study at St Thomas's hospital, London, has shown. In a trial of 90 men, 38 per cent of those on cholesterol lowering treatments showed a widening of their arteries, against only 4 per cent of those receiving normal care.

Health, L&T section

Law lords reject plea over deaths

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

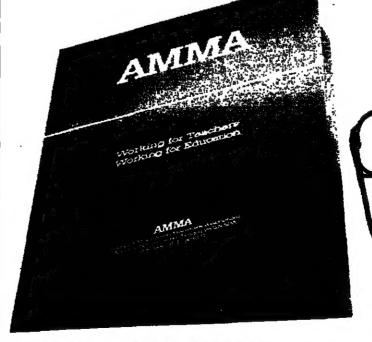
THE House of Lords yesterday refused to allow a test damages claim against the police for the suffering of two sisters who died in the Hillsborough disaster. The girls' parents called the decision the final insult".

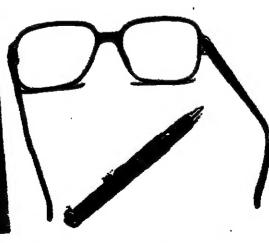
Trevor and Jennifer Hicks lost their daughters Victoria, aged 19, and Sarah, aged 15, in the 1989 tragedy in which 95 people died and 400 were

The couple, who are di-vorced but united in their legal battle on behalf of their daughters' estates, had sought damages for pre-death pain and suffering to "mark public disapproval" of South Yorkshire police over their handling of the overcrowding at the Sheffield Wednesday ground.

Five law lords unanimously dismissed their test case appeal, which affects a number

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BBC rescues Noddy and Big Ears

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

NODDY and his Toyland playmates Big Ears and PC Plod have been saved for the nation's younger viewers.
The BBC has extricated the mischievous taxi-driving elf from the wreckage of the Maxwell empire and promised to give the Enid Blyton characters a new lease of life on BBC children's television this autumn. The happy ending for the 43-year-old Noddy, who has changed with the times to reject all things racist and sexist, came after liquidators of the Maxwell paperback publisher Macdonald yesterday concluded a six-way bidding battle for the Noddy TV, vid-

co, merchandise and book It had been feared that Noddy would end up on the scrap heap after it was disclosed that the American buyer of Macdonald was not interested in the 24 Noddy picture books. Noddy,



Saved: Noddy and Big Ears at Television Centre

known as Oui Oui in France. Purzelknirps in Germany. and Hilitos in Spain, never achieved great popularity in North America, where he was rejected as too old

BBC Enterprises, the BBC's commercial arm that beat off competition from Penguin and Hodder and Stoughton by submitting He will be acceptable to cur-

the highest bid for the world rights, is to market a more "right on" Noddy in the US.
The BBC said: "Noddy has been out of favour because people thought he was racist and sexist but the

books have been updated

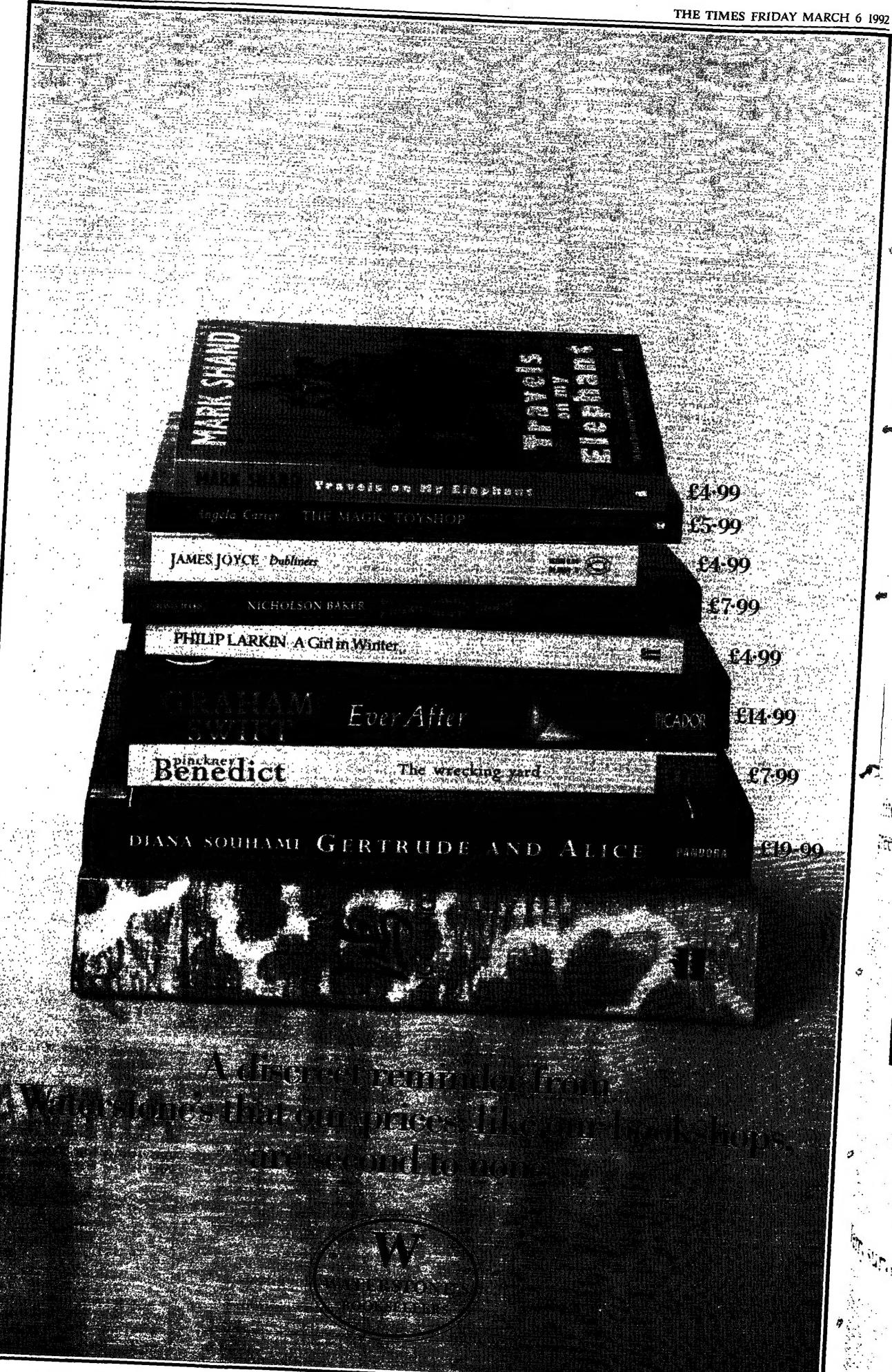
and we will be going with the 1990s Noddy who uses

unleaded petrol in his car.

rent taste." Gone are all the golliwogs, which have been replaced by gremlins and monkeys. Gilbert Golly has been turned into a naughty girl named Martha Monkey. Miss Rap, the schoolmis-tress, has lost her spanking slipper and become Miss Prim, while Pc Plod has become "less aggressive".

The 13-part animated series, using models faithful to the original Harmsen van der Beek illustrations, will also be available on video next autumn. New picture books, with illustrations based on the TV series, will be released, with Noddy toys, games, ceramics, toi-letries and other merchandise.

Nick Chapman, director of BBC Enterprises consumer products group, said the BBC expected to make "many millions of pounds" from Noddy. The books have sold 100 million copies, although sales fell consideraupdated in 1990.



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Scottish education reform

New tests demanded to replace highers

THE most radical changes to Scottish higher education in 50 years are likely after the publication of a report recommending the abolition of higher examinations.

RIDAY MARCH

Instead of pupils in the fifth and sixth years of secondary school taking highers, it is recommended that two new courses be established: a oneyear Scottish certificate (Scotcert) and a three-year Scottish baccalaureate (Scotbac) that would effectively replace highers. The Scotcert and Scotbac

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By JOHN O'LEARY

EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

vocational education, prepare pupils for employment and higher education, and be offered in further education colleges as well as schools. The courses will use internal and external assessment and allow for differentiation in stu-

The Scotcert courses will prepare pupils for employ-ment, training and more advanced education while the Scotbac course, with a science and arts line will prepare students for higher education in Scotland and Europe. In many cases, students will be

MPs halt report on students

GOVERNMENT whips have told Labour that ministers will accept this week's two defeats in the Lords on school inspections to ensure that the parent's charter becomes law before the election.

The agreement provides further indication that the election will be on April 9. The bill's third reading has been set for next Thursday to rush the legislation on to the statute book

Kenneth Clarke, the educa-tion secretary, would not con-firm the decision last night, but Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, described it as a devastating humiliation for Mr Clarke.

Under the amended regulations, schools will have to be inspected every four years by teams including parents and lay members, but the head of Her Majesty's Inspectorate, rather than school governors, will be responsible for appointments. Local authority inspectors will retain their right of access to schools.

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Although Labour and the Liberal Democrats remain opposed to some aspects of the inspection plans, their main aim has been to stop schools hiring their own inspeciors. The government's priority has been to see the survival of the bill's provision

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA EDUCATION REPORTER

THE Commons education select committee decided yesterday not to publish a report on student hardship, having failed to agree on a set of recommendations before the general election. The committee was divided

over the extent and causes of students' financial difficulties. The Conservative majority remained unconvinced that hardship was widespread, focusing instead upon the administration of existing hardship funds. Labour members said the committee's decision was aimed at avoiding electoral

embarrassment. Malcolm Thornton, Conservative MP for Crosby and committee chairman, said that it would publish the evidence it had heard but felt unable to produce a detailed report because it had not heard enough evidence to reach firm conclusions. The Committee of Vice-

Chancellors and Principals will now consult universities and make recommendations to the new government. University College, Swan-sea, is seeking an injunction to remove 80 students who had locked themselves into an administration building in protest at over-crowding, poor supply of library books taught to a level well beyond the present higher and in some cases to or beyond sixth

The report by Professor John Howie and his committee sharply criticised the present system which, while it prided itself on curricular breadth, did not reflect that in student attainment. The report said that many fifth and sixth years pupils in secondary education obtained only one or two highers and some none at all. "Scotbac will have a broad

cultural temphasis and will promote students personal growth in a way which the current functional and examination-oriented syllabuses cannot," the report said. Many thousands leave school without marketable qualifications. Even the more able students display less breadth of attainment than their European counterparts," the committee said.

"There are few opportuni-ties for study in depth. The higher courses are too rushed and represent too steep an incline of difficulty when superimposed on standard grade." The report said many students were ill-prepared for higher education.

The report was welcomed by Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, who initiated it in 1990 when he was education minister. He said that comments would be invited over the rest of the year.

 Schools in 50 English local authorities will share £15 million under the government's technology schools initiative, Tim Eggar, the education minister, said yesterday (John O'Leary writes). More than 60 schools will each receive up to £300,000 to buy equipment and improve facilities for technical and job-related courses. One, Beaumont School, in St Albans, will receive £500,000.

The controversial \$25 million initiative was launched when the government's city technology college scheme began to falter. Ministers hope that the successful appli-cants will rename themselves "technology schools" and education, although Beaumont intends to retain its name and generalist



Proud parent: Sir Clive confirms his claim that everyone riding his new brainchild breaks into a smile

A cycle of invention from Sinclair

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

SIR Clive Sinclair launched the Zike yesterday, the elec-tric bicycle that is his first journey into the consumer market since the launch of his C5 electric tricycle.

The experience of the C5 has dearly not been lost on him and the Zike's design owes more to Alex Moulton,

small-wheelers of the 1960s, than to Heath Robinson.

Perran Newman, who worked on the C5 and now runs Team Consulting based near Royston, Hertfordshire, said: "I do not think this is going to be a C5. You are not going to feel too silly riding around on this."

Whether that will be enough incentive to pay £499 for pedal assisted pow-

Zike, which weighs about 20lb and has no gears, can climb a 1 in 10 hill without any pedalling using its elec-tric motor, Sir Clive said. On full electrical power it will run for between 30 minutes and an hour depending on wind and terrain at a top

er remains to be seen. The

speed of 12mph. At the heart of the machine, which needs no licence and can be ridden by anynickel cadmium battery. It can be charged from the mains in an hour or when treewheeling and is neatly housed in the bar supporting the seat. The little electric motor, weighing less than 2lb, fits by the battery.

The Zike, which is expected to be available by mail order in May, is made from lightweight, rust-free alloys

Farmers dismiss claim for 55% rise

Farm workers launched a claim for a 55 per cent pay increase yesterday that would raise their minimum weekly wage from £129.43 to £200. Farmers said they could not afford any increase.

The issue will be resolved at a meeting next Monday and Tuesday of the Agricultural Wages Board. In recent years, when big wage claims were submitted and countered by farmers' pleas of inability to pay, the board awarded farm workers a rise on or slightly above the infla-

tion rate.
In addition to a pay rise, farm workers want the minimum working week to be cut from 39 to 35 hours and annual holidays increased from 21 to 25 days.

Death crash

Matthew Slater, aged 19, of car that crashed, killing two friends, was sent to a detention centre for two years and banned from driving for ten coun. He admitted causing death by reckless driving.

Libel case won

Detective constable Keith Dunn of the Metropolitan police accepted undisclosed libel damages in the High Court over an article in The People which claimed he took bribes from prostitutes.

Murder charge Gregory Michael Hobbins, aged 30, of the Coldstream Guards, was remanded in custody until next Thursday by Brent magistrates, north-west London, accused of mur-der and the attempted

murder of a policeman. Festive opening

A loth century farmhouse at the Welsh Folk Museum at St Fagans, South Glamorgan, is being rethatched after a fire damaged its roof. Firemen were able to contain the fire and damage to the rest of the building was superficial. It will reopen to the public in September to coincide with the museum's harvest festival.

Architect lays foundations of greener, cleaner capital

and under-funding.

By Marcus Binney architecture CORRESPONDENT

A VISION of a regenerated London, including a new university and extended squares and parks, was unveiled by the architect Sir Richard Rogers and the Labour party yesterday.

Heading the list is a proposal to revive the Thames as

an arrery of the capital.

There can be no new London without a re-awakened river," Mark Fisher, shadow arts minister, said. The schemes include:

☐ County Hall, now empty to become the first university to be created from scratch since Stirling in 1967. ☐ Hyde Park Corner to be landscaped, possibly with the addition of pavilions and fountains, to give it shape and

☐ Trafalgar Square substantially closed to traffic with a plaza in front of the National

☐ The traffic-logged area south of Vauxhall bridge transformed into a public attraction to rival the 18th century Vauxhall Gardens. an underpass to create a square between the Albert Hall and the Albert Memorial, connecting with a walk to the Natural History museum.



Sir Richard: "A city is defined by its buildings'

☐ Bankside power station. on the Thames opposite St Paul's, as London's new architecture centre. ☐ Battersea power station to be given an "exciting new

☐ The Lyceum theatre, Covent Garden, to be renovated. ☐ Santiago Calatrava's rejected single-arched bridge for the Thames east London crossing adopted in place of

the transport department's As to who will pay. Mr

Fisher has no qualms. "Every one of us will have to contribute. These initiatives will depend on whether the people of London, and of Britain, want a modern capital badly enough to pay for it. It is clear that the cheap option of do-ing nothing will mean the competitive death of London almost certainly within a

Paris is held up as an example to London in investment in efficient public transport, in the constant use of architectural competitions and in lavish spending on grand projects. Sir Richard says: "A city is defined by its public buildings: if these are good then it can withstand a great deal of banal developer's

Repeated calls are made for the re-creation of a single London-wide authority. Sir Richard says that the capital needs a co-ordinated inter-

Mr Fisher denigrates the listing system, suggesting that the Grade Two buildings which collectively give London so much of its character are expendable. "In served our heritage too well,"

New London, by Richard Rogers and Mark Fisher (Penguin Books, E8.99)

Minister rejects film aid

By MELINDA WITISTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

GIVING subsidies to British film-makers would encourage them to produce films nobody wanted to see, Lord Reay, the film minister, said vesterday as the Confederation of British Industry and the British Film Institute called for ur-gent measures to stimulate British film production.

Lord Reay did not rule out the inclusion of tax incentives for the film industry in next Tuesday's Budget, but he reected subsidies as a waste of both taxpayers' money and film-makers' talent. "The British film industry must make films people want to see," he said. Subsidies would only diminish the incentive to find out what the market wanted, sponsored by the CBI and the

Sir Richard Attenborough. the film director, said: "If he [Lord Reay] thinks government intervention is inappro-priate, that culture is not the responsibility of government, then why does he not also oppose government support for the ballet, music or

Lord Reay said that the government recognised the need to attract film production back to Britain, and had agreed last year to put £3.5 million into the British Film Commission.

Investment in British films has fallen from £275 million in 1984 to an estimated £50 million this year.

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Ferry survey lists the tops and tubs

BY DAVID YOUNG

PASSENGERS booking Channel fer-ries should check which ship is scheduled for the crossing as there are vast differences in quality, a Holiday Which? survey says today.

The survey team inspected nearly 50 ships making crossings to France, Ireland, Belgium and The Netherlands and found that picking the right one

was still a lottery.

Passengers travelling on the Olau
Hollandia and Olau Britannia, part of
the North Sea Ferries fleet sailing between Sheerness and Flushing, enjoyed good passenger comfort. The Princesse Marie-Christine, promoted in the UK by P&O and making Dover-Ostend

sailings, was called the "worst old tub inspected", with shabby lounges and

The Consumers' Association magazine also found that travel agents often failed to paint a true picture. Despite a code of conduct adopted by the Association of British Travel Agents, Holiday Which researchers found some bro-chures still misled holidaymakers.

Patricia Yates, the magazine's editor, said: "We have found all the time worn tricks of deceptively glamorous photos and the language that you'd need a dictionary of euphemisms to decipher. It is about time tour operators respect their own code of conduct to give a fair and honest representation of what they sell. Brochures have a tremendous influence over holidaymakers; nine out of ten of our readers look at a brochure before they choose a package holiday."

A picture from an Airtours advertisement for budget holidays in Greece. Turkey and Cyprus showed an alluring view from a lineary hotel that is actually in the Caribbean, the report says. One couple told the magazine that they had booked a holiday in Sri Lanka with Hayes and Jarvis, convinced by a brochure which listed a 200 among an hotel's attractions. The 200 turned out to be no more than a pet peacock and a

The report also labelled medical kits aimed at travellers as gimmicky, saying that they would be better used as lunch

Question time row raises Commons temperature

Leaders clash over policies

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major and Neil Kinnock yesterday set the tenor of a bitter election campaign in a series of sharp exchanges on health, taxation and defence which took Commons electioneering to new depths. The Speaker appeared poweriess as MPs howled down their

Mr Kinnock raised a series of examples of NHS patients denied treatment, he insisted, because of the inadequacy of the government's health poli-cies. Mr Major insisted that the Conservatives had spent more on health than Labour had "dared to promise" at the last election and said that the new trust hospitals were treat-

University College Hospital specialist as saying that he could not give 30 per cent of his cancer patients chemotherapy treatment because the beds were not available. When Mr Major responded by quoting a doctor and former Labour candidate on the success of the government's health reforms, an angry Mr Kinnock told the prime minister to "address these issues of life and death instead of parading false claims about

your government". Accusing Mr Major of never answering the question, Mr Kinnock asked: "Why doesn't the government even now get rid of the tax concessions for private health insur-Mr Kinnock quoted a ance and put the £60 million saved straight into fighting cancer. That's what a Labour government would do."

Mr Major said: "This would have more credibility if we were not spending more on the health service than you even promised to spend." It would have even more credibility, he said, if Labour were not pledged to introduce a minimum wage, which would cost the NHS £500 million. They had failed to set out their own plans for funding

the health service. Ministers are expecting Labour to do everything possible to bring health issues to prominence in the election. and Mr Kinnock instanced reports in recent weeks of a cardiologist "who has had to

search Scotland showed that

Invited by another Tory MP earlier to comment on Labour's "savines tax". Mr Major raised furious shouts from the Labour benches when he said that the "damaging and vindictive" tax (a 9 per cent National Insurance levy to be paid on savings support for independence income of more than £3,000 a year) "would hit widows on ordinary incomes and people taking early retirement.

The Conservatives earlier

turn seriously ill people away

because of the budget sys-

tern", of closed accident and

emergency units and of a

"mortally ill little girl being

unable to gain treatment in a

paediatric intensive care

Mr Major retorted: "We

have addressed those issues.

That's why the waiting lists

are falling by record

When Neil Thorne (Ilford

South, C) referred to the Tri-

dent nuclear submarine fleet,

which Labour wants to re-

strict to three boats, Mr Ma-

jor took his opportunity to

say: "We have no intention of

gambling with this country's

devoted a press conference to the levy. Tony Newton, the social security secretary, said that it would take money from 1.1 million savers, 750,000 of them basic rate taxpayers: while abolition of the earnings limit would mean higher tax bills for 3.2 million people earning more than £20,280 a year.



Joint venture: Neil Kinnock, with Sarah Franklin, aged 12, whose hopes and aspirations are included in Labour's new document

SNP may gain from tactical vote

BY KERRY GILL

AS MANY as one third of per cent said they would cer-tainly vote for the SNP and Scottish Labour voters could switch their allegiance to the Scottish National Party if a Conservative general election victory looked likely, according to an opinion poll pub-lished last night.

The poli, carried out by System 3 for Scottish Television, asked Labour, Liberal Democrat and undecided voters if they would move to the nationalists in such an event. Eleven per cent said they would definitely vote SNP. Of the Labour voters 14

18 per cent said they might. However, the poll also showed that support for inde-pendence continues to fall. Only 26 per cent favoured independence against 42 per cent support for a Scottish assembly and 26 per cent wanting no change to the constitutional status quo. Three-quarters were in favour

An earlier poll published yesterday by Market Re-

of a referendum on the

had dropped to 30 per cent from an all-time high of 50 per cent in January. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader,

began a five-day tour of Scotland yesterday by attacking the increased polarisation of views over constitutional reform and challenging John Major and Neil Kinnock to join him in a debate on the implications of a Scottish parliament for the rest of the

Kinnock presents his vision

BY PHILLP WEBSTER

ture in which families had new security, opportunity and confidence, Neil Kinnock said yesterday. The Labour leader said his

party had the policies to build Britain's economy out of shimp and to enable it to compete in a Europe without trade barriers. He blamed the Conservatives for the "decay. debt, congestion and injus tice" throughout the economy and claimed they had never prepared for the future.

forward for Britain". Dr Penelope Leach, the psychologist and author of the parents' guide Baby and Child, wrote: "The Britain I want to live in gives top priority to children ... they are seen as the nation's best long-term investment." Dr Leach was one of several contribu-

Mr Scrivener, a former

The youngest contributor, 12-year-old Sarah Franklin, wrote: "In my Britain the whole community would work together for the good of the individual — and the indi-vidual would work just as hard for the community as a

day. Betham's day, page 32

CHIEF POLITICAL

LABOUR offered an adven-

Mr Kinnock outlined his a new document Your land; my land, in which economists, doctors scientists, athletes and artists contributed their ideas for a "better way

tors at a press conference.

chairman of the Bar, said there was deep frustration in the legal profession. "Crime has never been higher, con-viction rates never lower and

prisons never fuller."



David Madean, the iunior agriculture minister. warned local authorities not to target food sold by voluntary organisations at village fetes under the Food Safety Act.

Mr Madean said at question time yesterday that there was nothing in the act, passed to tighten up on food hygiene, which could justify councils taking action against non-commercial bodies. "If town halls target Women's Institutes, church fetes, village halls and charity teas, then the government will take action."

Aid increase

The government scheme tary agencies with their work in developing countries is to get a grant of £28 million — a 22 per cent increase - in the next financial year, Lynda Chalker, the overseas aid minister, said. A fur-ther £135,000 is to be available to Albania. Feed the Children has been given surplus defence ministry medical supplies.

Fair play

A message of sympathy should be sent to the prime minister and people of Australia in their suffering, Lord Morris (C) said at Lords questions after En-giand's victory in a World Cup cricket match in Sydney earlier in the

BT costs

The administrative costs involved in the British Telecom share offer amounted to £105 million, or about 1.9 per cent of the total proceeds from the sale of £5,403 million, Francis Maude, the Treasury financial secretary, said in a written reply.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): De-Lords (11): Parliamentary Corporate Bodies Bill, second reading. Northem Ireland Appropriation

order.

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to

Monday: Friendly Societies Bill, second reading. Debate on the new parliamentary building. Tuesday: The Budget. Wednesday and Thurs-day: Debate on the Budget Friday: Debate on private member's motion on taxation and public

expenditure.
The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Competition and Service (Utilities) Bill, committee, second day. Tuesday: Education (Schools) Bill, report. Wednesday: Liberal Democrat debates on constitutional reform and on Britain's rivers, coasts and beaches. Thursday: Further and Higher Education (Scot-land) Bill, report. Friday: Asylum Bill.

UN troops 'should go into Sarajevo'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

CALLS were made yesterday for the United Nations to send troops into the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo to calm the latest outbreak of fighting in Yugoslavia. David Howell, chairman of

the Commons foreign affairs select committee, told MPs that the UN forces were needed to achieve lasting hope and peace in Bosnia and to prevent a repetition of the bloodshed witnessed in Croatia and Serbia. There were now more than 13,000 UN troops in Yugoslavia and Mr Howell said that there were reports that the UN was planning to enter Sarajevo.

in a Commons debate, Donald Anderson, a Labour foreign affairs spokesman, gave a warning of the danger of authoritarian or military rule in the state and added

that it was important for forces to go in to retain existing frontiers in Bosnia.
Julian Amery, the former
Conservative foreign office minister, spoke of the dan-gers of German involvement in the Balkan states. He said that Germany's recognition,

ahead of the EC, of Croatia and Slovenia as independent states was a sign that Germany was prepared to push into the area. It was not a deliberate

imperial effort, Mr Amery said, but a result of Germany's natural drive as a dynamic economy. Mr Amery, who made his maiden speech in 1950 on Yugoslavia, sug-gested that Britain, France and Turkey could become involved in keeping peace in the area and said that he hoped this would be a priority when Britain took over the

EC presidency in July.

Michael Foot, the former
Labour leader, however,
sounded a warning against a partnership with Turkey, a country he called "one of the worst oppressors in the

He said that the adventurist policies of the Turkish government should deter Britain from wanting to be involved; a temptation prompted because Turkey looked like becoming a more influential power in the re-



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Government ministers defend public spending boom

Tories give away £4bn in three weeks

BY TONY DAWE AND SHEILA GUNN

NEW spending plans an-nounced yesterday, including help for the unemployed and small companies, brought the amount of money pledged by the government in a variety of new schemes in the past three weeks to nearly £4 billion.

Every announcement has spelt good news, in terms of jobs saved and created, or in providing personal benefits. but each has been greeted with the cry of "bribe" by the Opposition. With the pros-pect of another £4 billion being handed out in next Tuesday's Budget, the shouting from the Labour benches

is certain to increase.

The Times has spoken to ministers and civil servants about this "pre-election giveaway" and been assured that the schemes are "desk-clearing exercises" and the money comes within long-established capital expenditure plans for the coming years.

Independent experts, however, say they match a boom in public spending that has preceded recent general elec-

GOVERNMENT SPENDING ON

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tions. In addition, govern-ment spending on advertising and promotion is expected to increase markedly in this financial year, as it did in the year preceding the 1987 election.

The latest attractions unveiled vesterday included the announcement by Peter Lilley, the industry secretary, of £11.5 million for research and development in areas of industrial decline. There was little surprise at Westminster that those areas covered some Tory marginal seats in Scotland, Wales, the Midlands and North of England.

At the employment depart-ment, an £18 million grant to provide high-level skills training for the unemployed was Eggar, the education minister, promised extra funding to develop technology training in 62 schools.

Even Edward Leigh, the consumer affairs minister, got in on the act with a popular but inexpensive mea-sure: a change in the law to

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New schemes and extra funding announced by the Government in last three weeks Cost or Labour assessment of cost of the extra funding

DEFENCE Helicopters, trainer aircraft & missiles 2500m

Five amphibious ships providing shipyard jobs 2500m

1,000 air-to-air misales ordered from BAe, safeguarding jobs mainly in North & Scotland 2570m

EDUCATION Develop technology treaching in 62 schools 2570m EMPLOYMENT High level skills training for unemployed £18m FISHING Grants for decommissioning vessels HEALTH Extra funds for vokuntary hospices and compensation for HIV infection by NHS blood transfusions and tissue OLYMPICS Grant for Manchester's bid for the event in the 255m PAY Rises above inflation level sanctioned for medical

profession, teachers and armed forces
PENSIONS Concessions on NI contributions for people
over 30 with private pensions over five years REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT Preeing of EC funds to aid areas affected by pit closures Funding for new hospital in Scotland, Midland Matro and West Yorkshire Transport Museum.

R & D grants for small and innovative companies £125m ROADS Widening M6, dualling A1 north of Newcastle and improving trunk roads in Wales SOCIAL FUND Extra funds next year for the poor €35ጠ

ensure that beer drinkers get their full pint from April

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According to some economists, the pre-election pattern is most noticeable in government-approved pay rises. Doctors, dentists, nurses and other members of the medical professions, teachers and members of the armed forces are all to receive increases of between 5.5 and 8.5 per cent, well above the level of inflation, on April 1.

The rises recommended by the pay review bodies and approved by the government

will all be paid in full and not in stages, as often happens, and that adds to the total cost of the award," Chris Trinder, research director of the Pub-

lic Finance Foundation, said.

He said that pay rises due on April 1 had yet to be ed for another three and a half million town hall workers, civil servants and other health service employees, but the signs were that, with the government unwilling to risk industrial unrest before an election, they too would receive a generous award.

Propaganda blurs line

THE government has been accused of blurring the line between official promotions and party propaganda in ad-dition to making large preelection handouts. Frank Dobson, a member

of the shadow cabinet, said that a threefold increase in government spending and promotion in 1986-7 was designed to give the Tories a boost in the 1987 general election and the same is happening now, with spendi in the current year expected to increase by 15 per cent. He makes three further

☐ The government and Tory party publicity campaigns for the citizen's charter ran in parallel, making it difficult to distinguish between public money and party money. ☐ The Cabinet Office is spending £1 million this year on press and public relations, compared with £200,000 last year, and a further £585,000 on advertising and promotion, compared

with just £1,000 last year.

☐ The prime minister's office is spending £560,750 on press and public relations this year, a 32 per cent increase in two years.

"The Tories are desperate to hang on to power at all costs," Mr Dobson said. "No expense is being spared in John Major's struggle to stay in number 10, and in this case it is at the taxpayers' expense".

DEFENCE All part of long-term defence spending. Just a co incidence that announcements made at this time EDUCATION Planned spending EMPLOYMENT Within limits ENVIRONMENT £22.5m is "new money" over 3 years. From savings elsewhere . FISHING Planned spending HEALTH Within Department of OLYMPICS Over several years. Small call on Reserve PAY 2209m from Reserve partly offset by long-term savings on state scheme REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT Arrangements for part of the funding still under discussion. Rest within spending plans

ROADS Mostly long-term policy. Over several years SOCIAL FUND Within spending

"The evidence from every economic source is of a massive giveaway in election year," Mr Trinder said. He cited the Labour government's decision to honour high pay awards for public

sector workers in 1979, the setting up of a separate pay review body for nurses in 1983 and the "non-staging" of pay awards in 1987.

Labour claims the recent inflation-plus public sector pay awards amount to a £500 million bribe. The government admits that £209 million of the total £1.8 billion required will come from the reserve fund but says this is not extra spending as the fund exists for such contingencies.

Ministers in departments such as defence and transport, who have been accused of handing out "bribes" to the electorate, have insisted that recently announced spending plans all form part of longestablished policy.

The claims that the timing of defence schemes totalling £1.57 billion are a coincidence do seem disingermous, however. The statement that the government always planned to widen the M6 (a £450 million scheme announced last week) must be balanced by ministers' initial desire to meet the traffic flows by supporting a toll road financed by private industry.



Wheeler: warning against "the more lurid fears"

Opposition MPs delay report on immigration

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR MPs have blocked publication before the election of a report demanding mandatory identity cards to control a potential flood of illegal immigrants.

Some Opposition MPs on the Commons home affairs committee objected to making public this month the warnings given to them by chief constables, immigration officials and other witnesses of the likely impact of weak-

ening frontier controls. The chairman, Sir John Wheeler, asked the committee in a private session to sanction the publication of the evidence this month together with a summary of the findings in its enquiry into trols. Sir John, the Tory MP for Westminster North, has already disclosed that, from the evidence, compensatory measures, such as ID cards, would be essential in place of strong frontier controls.

"No one can say with certainty to what immigration pressures the EC will be subject in the future. There are certainly demographic pressures, especially from North Africa, but we must beware the more lurid fears," he said. The Labour MPs stopped

publication of even the minutes of the public hearings until April 22. A senior source disclosed that they were anxious that the report could be used to portray Labour as soft on immigration.

Teaching guide on sex attacked

BY JOHN WINDER

PEERS protested in the Lords last night about the inclusion of deviant sexual practices and oral sex in a teaching guide on the dan-

gers of Aids to children of 11. They were led by the Earl of Liverpool, a Tory peer, who questioned, whether 11-yearolds were ready for compulsory and explicit education on HIV and Aids as required by the Science in the National

Curriculum document. Lady Denton of Wakefield, for the government, replied that as HIV constituted probably the most serious threat to public health this century. children should learn about it at an age when most were mature enough to understand its implications.

Lord Liverpool said that the education department document contained "deviant sexual practices of an explicit nature". The age should be raised to 13.

Lady Denton said that the booklet was for the guidance of teachers.

Lady Phillips (Lab) asked: "Is the government seriously wanting to defend a pam-phlet which explicitly des-cribes oral sex which cannot be of any assistance in the subject and may be totally misunderstood?"

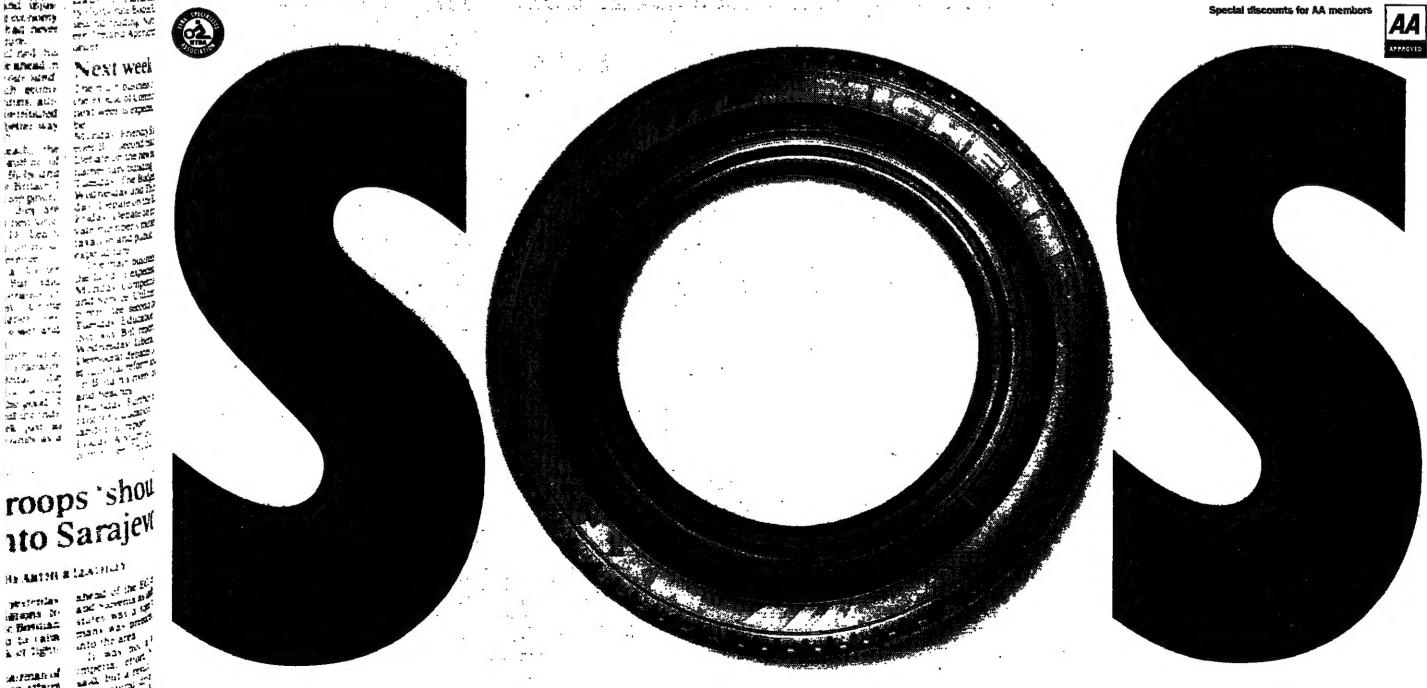
Lady Denton: "This is a virus which can kill and is probably so important that the government believes sensible factual information can do a great deal to protect

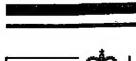
young people."

Lord Kilmarnock (SDP)
said that many children received Aids education from television, newspapers, family and their peers, often misinformation which misled them. It was better that it should be taught profession-ally and sensitively.

Lord Ennals, a former Labour social services secretary, suggested that there was not enough explicit sex education and it was often too late.

Lady Elles (C) protested: There are a lot of things we learn throughout life but do we have to learn all this at 11





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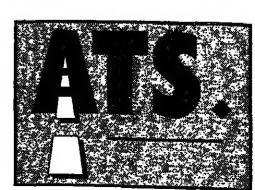
















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World in recession fumbles chance to kick-start trade



Hills: a deal would boost world trade

THE world's industrial powers, with their economies slumping, are letting slip a unique opportunity to rejuvenate the global trading system. The most ambitious round of talks ever held under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) is now only being kept alive by a life-support machine of technical discussions in Geneva. Although the next few weeks may witness attempts to resuscitate serious talks, key negotiators have written off the prospects of any deal this year.

The reasons for this failure lie in elections on either side of the Atlantic. A new Gatt deal would modernise the whole international trade system and strike down barriers and tariffs for trade in everything from aspirins to avocados. But for the last eighteen months, as deadline after deadline has slipped away, negotiations have been paralysed by the ancient quarrel between Europe and America over farm subsidies. Any deal would involve losses for farmers on both continents. In America, President Bush is taking a battering in the presidential primaries and in no mood to inflame the farming constituencies. In France, the socialist government is set to take a beating in local elections at the end of this month. In neither country do politicians believe that a successful Gatt

deal would win them votes. This political vulnerability has dogged the more than five years of Gatt's "Uruguay Round". The benefits of free trade can be endorsed by ministers and they can even be expressed in specularive figures. Carla Hills. AmeriGeorge Brock blames elections in America and France for the failure by Gatt members to seize a unique opportunity to agree on modernising the international trade system.

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ca's trade representative, thinks that an agreement would boost world trade in manufactured goods alone by \$5 billion (£2.9 billion) in the next decade. No deal at all could turn recession into a crash. Confronted with the sharp loss of income which a Gatt farm deal would bring, French grain farmers see it as a real threat - and the French are ready to vote accordingly.

In retrospect, the best chance of avoiding these problems and of fashioning a compromise on farm support was probably missed last November. President Bush, Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister who was then chairing the European Community and Jacques Delors, the EC Commission president met in The Hague but failed to clinch an agreement. One EC official said that a second on German farms. day of talks might have done Tension between the farm

Since then, the outcome of the Gatt talks - like every other important issue faced by the Community — has turned on the large but in-scrutable figure of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. Germany, the EC's largest exporting nation, has a huge stake in the openings which Gatt can provide for its firms. But its farmers, few in number, wield enormous

the trick.

political clout. One of America's most cherished objectives in the talks is the reduction of Europe's subsidised grain exports — a cut which would strike deepest

lobby and economic liberalism is vividly expressed inside the governing coalition. Jürgen Möllemann, the energetic economics minister of the minority Free Democrats, has been criticising France - unconventional in itself for a minister in Bonn - and calling for a special summit of the G7 industrial nations to sort out the Gatt. But this week, Herr Mollemann was crisply put down by Herr Kohl's own spokesman: a G7 summit would not help and the Franco-German axis is as strong as ever, he declared.

A few Gatt people think that these declarations of solidarity between the EC's founding partners are the prelude to a split between Germany and France. According to this prediction. American and EC Commission negotiators would sketch out a deal. For the Europeans, the deal to cut farm subsidies and protection would breach the strict guidelines laid down by farm ministers. But Ray MacSharry, the EC farm commissioner, would present ministers with a fait accompli. Mr Bush is due to meet Herr Kohl at the end of this month, just as the pressure is lifted from the French government by the end of the The scene would be set for Germany to join the EC majority in forcing France to

accept a compromise. This is pure optimism. Such a last-minute resolution requires American flexibility and a German readiness to punish both their farmers and France simulianeously - and assumes that Gatt agriculture cuts can be disentangled from the Community's lumbering internal reform of the common agricultural policy.

Sources in Bonn believe that the German government has come out in support of France - and implicitly against any quick agreement - because the federal chancery believes that no agreement is now possible before 1993 and the election of the next American president.

Bitter Baku puts blame on Moscow

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BAKU

PRESIDENT Mutalibov of Azerbaijan defended his government's record in Nagorno-Karabakh before parliament here yesterday, while outside a crowd of several thousand roared for his resignation. His administration is still staggering from the Azerbaijani defeat at Khodjaly and the mass killing

of refugees which followed.

President Mutalibov, following a line which is being eagerly adopted by the Azerbaijani population, blames the situation in Nagorno-Karabakh on the former Soviet and present Russian governments. He said they had sided with Armenia and prevented creation of real Azerbaijani

He admitted the failure to press ahead with this was "a mistake on our part. While we were simply trying to achieve

Russian farms go to market

IN MOSCOW

AT LEAST one-third of Russia's arable land will be turned over to private farming this year in a reversal of the brutal collectivisation pol-icies imposed half a century ago by Josef Stalin, a senior official said yesterday.

Yet it will probably take more than a year for the privatisation process to have much effect on food short-ages. Nikolai Komov, the Russian official, acknowledged that smallholdings were not expected to contribute more than 2 or 3 per cent of the coming season's agricultural output.

Mr Komov, who heads the Russian government's land reform committee, said the number of private farmers would rise substantially. The area under their control would jump more than 25 times to encompass at least a third of the 215 million hectares (538 million acres) now managed by ineffective

He said the current state of Russian farmland, which includes some of the richest soil in the world, was a terrible testimony to the effects of being left "without a master". Some 25 million acres of arable land which had existed, at least on paper, as of 1975 had somehow "disappeared" — either through poor husbandry or because it had been never more than a figment of the state planners'

imagination. A challenge from conservatives to the privatisation of farmland is likely to intensify today during a debate in parliament on agriculture.

the attributes of sovreignty, the Armenians were building armed forces. They were talking peace, but secretly planning war."
The president called once

again for negotiation and a peaceful resolution of the con-flict. In this, he seems out of step with the mood here, which has become explosive since the full extent of the mass killings became clear. Parliament listened to him quietly - almost nine-tenths of deputies are his supporters. A much more real picture of the balance of forces in the country is given by the nat-ional council, which the president was forced to set up with 50 per cent representations for the opposition, led by the Popular Front.

• Mescow: Political and military leaders in the Commonwealth of Independent States have issued separate calls for the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict to be solved by political means only, and have broached the possibility of a commonwealth peacekeeping force for the area (Mary

Dejevsky writes). Marshal Yevgeni Shaposh-nikov, commander-in-chief of the commonwealth armed ces, said such a force could be used to "disengage warring sides in trouble spots and ensure political solutions".

Three sets of peace proposals were reported yesterday. President Yeltsin called for an immediate ceasefire and announced dispatch of a team of Russian diplomats on a mediation mission. President Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan proposed an immediate ceasefire, lifting all blockades, and the suspension by both sides of plans to form armies. The Azerbaijani foreign minister also announced a peace plan during a visit to the UN in New York. This calls, among other things, for the disarming of "illegal" fighters on both sides and international monitoring.



All you need is love: three candidates of Italy's All you need is love: three candidates of Italy's Party of Love — from left, Virna Bonino, Itona Staller (La Cicciolina)and Luisa Piatarino — launching their campaign in Rome yesterday to be elected MPs. Wearing suspender belts, lace stockings, silver jackets and transparent brassieres, the porno queens said they wanted to bring more love to the legislature.

The colour was pink and the language spicy at a standing-room-only news conference as the trio presented the party's platform for national

trio presented the party's platform for national elections next month. "People's lives are just too grey." Riccardo Schicchi, the porno stars' busi-

ness manager, who is one of the party's 11 candidates for the lower house, said. Miss Stallcandidates for the lower house, said. Miss Staller, who knows how to sway a crowd, read the party's platform from a leaflet emblazoned with pink heart. It includes more sexual freedom in jail, no censorship, "love parks" where young couples can make love without fear, and legal brothels run by prostitutes' co-operatives.

On the non-sexual side, the party platform includes environmental protection and a ban on wrappons manufacturing. "This is not just a party

weapons manufacturing. This is not just a party of sex, this is a complete party," Giorgio Guelpa, a male candidate, said. The women are the stars of the party, which needs a mimimum of 50,000 votes in Rome to ensure that its top candidate at least, porn star Moana Pozzi, enters parliament. She did not attend the news conference.

"We are the only party that can stand for desire with a capital D." Marcella Buzzi, a literature teacher aged 33, said. One of the party's few women candidates who does not make her living with her clothes off, Signora Buzzi became an instant star when foreign television crews discovered that she alone could speak English. "Love is love," she said. "Love is everything." (Reuter)

Cresson's crusade against Le Pen misfires

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE ideological bankruptcy of France's ruling Socialist party has become starkly apparent as the campaign for the important regional elections this month moves into its final phase. Staring disaster in the face, the government can offer nothing more positive or encouraging than sustained attacks on Jean-Marie Le Pen and the resurgent National Front.

From platforms around the country, Socialist notables, led by Edith Cresson, have been reduced to mouthing dire warnings about the threat from the extreme right. The prime minister sets the Mary Dejevsky, page 14 tone with her denunciations

of M Le Pen as "a danger to democracy", and frequent reminders of the fearful perils of abstention: "Not voting is a betrayal that gives Le Pen half a vote." To uncommitted observers

here, the "Cresson crusade" against the far right is exposing her own government's lack of credible programmes to tackle the grave problems now facing the French. "How can you speak about Le Pen without also addressing the social issues?" Libération asked on Wednesday in an analysis of the political and economic strains that have so clearly contributed to his party's dramatic advances. To

the centrist Republican party, M Le Pen should be laughing all the way to the poils, having established himself as "the black star around which all political life revolves". The more flak he attracts from the Socialists, the better he likes

it here is a government clear-ly running scared, he exults. Attempts to derail M Le Pen's campaign with street demonstrations and manipulation of local by-laws to pre-vent him from booking halls for National Front gather-ings now threaten to rebound on the Socialists. M Le Pen yesterday invited the Parisian diplomatic corps and foreign

François Léotard, leader of journalists to a press conference next week at which he promises to expose a dirty tricks operation against his

Nobody in French politics is more aware than M Le Pen that the imminent regional polls, normally of strictly lim-ited political significance, have been transformed into what amounts to a dress rehearsal for the 1993 parliamentary election and, by extension, to the next contest for the presidency in 1995. At this stage, publicity - good, bad or indifferent - is his lifeblood, enabling him to reach into constituencies beyond the rock-solid support

he enjoys from his own hardcore voters.

. That is why M Le Pen has adopted the highest of per-sonal profiles, addressing rallies practically every day, issuing provocative statements and crying foul at every opportunity the Socialists provide. Mme Cresson's call for Socialist activists to turn out in strength to oppose the National Front wherever its candidates show their face threatens to rebound on the government as M Le Pen comes hunting for votes in Socialist territory, as well as in the realms of France's disorganised and perennially

Balts set up forum for aid

By Roger Boyes

THE Baltic Council, a new East-West alliance, was set up with some fanfare in Copen-hagen yesterday but it is not at all clear whether it can make the crucial leap from a talking shop to a significant international grouping. The nine Baltic countries,

plus Norway, share common interests and, since the time of the Hanseatic League, a common trading history. But there are many political differences - between Poland and Lithuania, between Russis and the three former Soviet Baltic states — and these seem likely to multiply rather than diminish.

The council will channel financial aid and knowhow from Scandinavia and Germany to Poland. Russia, and the poorer Baltic states. There will be two main concerns: halting the pollution of the Baltic, which experts say will suffer a biological death in ten to 15 years without a rescue plan; and the construction of two north-south highways. These roads are supposed to link Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia to Poland, Germany and Scandinavia.
The Baltic Council coun-

tries are determined not to create another bureaucratic structure. There will be no permanent secretariat. In-stead, there will be annual

Gun rampage

Lugano: A man shot dead five people and wounded seven with a Kalashnikov rifle in a two-hour rampage through three villages in southern Switzerland. Erminio Cri-scione, aged 37, was arrested. (Reuter)

Airbus miss

Zurich: A Swiss fighter jet on manocuvres missed a mid-air collision with a Londonbound Swissair jet by less than 50 yards. The air force said the Airbus was on its correct course and the fighter banked left over it. (Reuter)

Guards protest

Moscow: About 100 Central Asian guards at a Russian prison camp in the Urals temporarily left their posts to protest against serving in a foreign state" and to de-mand transfers to their home republics. (Reuter)

Back to Dutch

Amsterdam: The Netherlands, fearing that Dutch is becoming extinct through neglect, is to adopt a law forcing universities to teach primarily in Dutch. Currently several of them teach many of their courses in English. (Reuter)

Dog kills man

Moscow: Police say a hunter, killed near Novgorod, was shot by his dog caught in a trap. Scratches on the rifle butt proved that the struggling animal, near the body. pulled the trigger as the man tried to free it. (Reuter)

UK journalist picked for Polish defence ministry post ruled Poland during martial

FROM ROGER BOYES

Radek Sikorski, the Brit-ish journalist who has just been nominated as Polish deputy defence minister, has proposed renting out Poland's vast training grounds to Nato armies. The idea — conjuring up a The idea — conjuring up a vision of German soldiers trampling over Polish fields — and indeed Mr Sikorski's appointment, show how close the old Warsaw Pact armies are to joining Nato. The Poles, Hungarians and Czechoslovaks will soon be participating in some

Nato sessions and have

stalled at Nato headquar-ters in Brussels. But it is contacts between the eastern and western military establishments that are giving shape to the new security. order in Europe. Sir Michael Quinlan, a se-nior British defence official.

last month met Lajos Fuer, the Hungarian defence minister. According to Budapest reports, Britain offered to modernise Hungary's obsolete MiG fighters. Hungarian, Czechoslovak and Polish officers are being earmarked for training at the Royal College of Defence Studies,

their representatives in- and at United States military academies. America has set aside \$75,000 (£44,000) for training Bul-garian officers and Donald Rice, the US secretary of the air force, has been looking into pilot training schemes for the Bulgarians.

There is a sound commer cial as well as strategic logic behind this kind of East-West military co-operation. Eventually the former Warsaw Pact armies will have to be weaned off Soviet equipment and become consum ers of Western equipment. So far, that is expressing itself only in isolated contracts for boots and tents

and a dire state of East European army finances ex-cludes any large purchases.



But there is a market for surplus or outdated West-

ern army vehicles and sup-port aircraft which, despite their vintage, are still more fuel efficient than the current Soviet models. Selling hardware cheaply now will ensure that Eastern Europe, in about a decade, will be a regular customer. First, the officer corps has to be appropriately trained.

Jan Parys, the new Polish defence minister, has encouraged the resigna-tion of all Polish army officers who "do not identify with the new North Atlantic option". He has just sacked two generals who were in

the military council that

the new Nato alignment. That, too, was the reasoning behind the elevation of Mr Sikorski from Sunday Telegraph correspondent to deputy defence minister. If his nomination is accepted - it is still seen as controversial - Mr Sikorski will he in charge of Poland's relations with foreign armies and military organisations.

law. The head of the army

personnel department has been replaced by a civilian.

All this is supposed to en-sure that those accepted for

officer training, and all

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ranks, are in sympathy with

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West ready to call Saddam's bluff

Military strike kept as option against Iraq

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN and America are plement the UN resolutions discussing the seizure of frowhich permitted Iraq to exzen Iraqi assets, and have not ruled out a new military strike if Baghdad continues to hinder the destruction of its weapons, London said

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said the United Nations Security Council had to 'maintain the pressure" when Tariq Aziz, a deputy prime minister, heads a 15man Iraqi delegation to the UN next week. After that, Mr Hurd said on BBC Radio 4, "we have to consider together, as we have successfully before, what is needed in order to make the pressure effective, and we have not ruled out a military strike".

The Foreign Office said that seizure of Iraqi assets was one of the options being considered with the Americans. Such action would not be easy to achieve, however, and the best course would be for President Saddam Hussein to im-



Aziz: leads delegation

port oil to finance the pur-chase of food and medicine.

A spokesman said the work of the UN special commission was making progress in spite of Iraqi prevarication. It was now in the process of destroying some 300 unstable rockets, including some filled with chemical weapons. The pace of destruction had been in-creased to 40 rockets a day.

Mr Aziz will arrive in New York on Monday for the sec-urity council meeting that begins on March 11. Diplomats say the delegation is likely to be sharply questioned over Iraq's failure to comply with UN resolutions, and its obstruction of the work of UN inspectors. Rolf Ekeus, chairman of the special commis-sion, will tell the security council that he believes Iraq is hiding chemical weapons production facilities, parts of its nuclear programme and a biological weapons production programme. The Iraqis will also be accused of not complying with resolutions calling for proper treatment of all Iraqis, especially the Shias and the Kurds.

British officials have been signalling that the West is determined to confront Sadis testing us and thinks that the West will give up and stop caring," one diplomat said.

Seizure of Iraqi assets would be complicated by banking secrecy which makes it hard to locate much of Iraq's wealth outside the

country. Iraqi diplomats haveestimated that the reserves total between \$2 billion and \$5 billion (£1.2 billion to £3 billion). Saddam is reported to have taken about \$10 bil-lion from oil revenues since 1981 and invested it abroad. Mr Hurd suggested yester

day that Saddam's power had been weakened. The days when he strutted about, sitting on Kuwait an apparent victor, have gone," he said. "He's a bedraggled figure in the Arab world as a whole. but he is still a tyrant capable of doing great harm to his

own people."
In Washington, the State
Department's senior official dealing with human rights insisted at least 20 babies died when Iraqi soldiers re-moved incubators from Kuwait hospitals after the inva-sion. Richard Schiffer told a congressional subcommittee that he had visited Kuwait last month to talk to officials who had investigated the incident, widely reported at the time but subsequently de-nounced as unsubstantiated.

Cultural dialogue: Julie Christie, the British actress, talking to a Palestinian girl during a visit yesterday to the Jelazoun refugee camp, near Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank. Christie, who is accompanying a group of British performers, is on a week-long trip

Loss of Gulf cash forces PLO into cost-cutting retreat

IN NICOSIA

THE Palestine Liberation Organisation is scaling down many diplomatic missions and closing its offices in some countries in austerity measures that could harm its ability to make its voice heard. Many Palestinian publica-

tions have also been closed down as part of belt-tightening measures after the Gulf conflict when Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, formerly the PLO's main financial

fat, the PLO chairman, of

siding with Iraq.

A PLO official said the cash shortage was forcing a review of priorities. He said: "You can't close down a hospital in the occupied territories, shortage of health care, just to keep open a representative office in some African country."

He said missions in key capitals like Paris, Madrid, Athens and London would

many African and Asian countries would feel the pinch. The PLO is also trying to make more cash available to open offices in the former Soviet republics. The cost-cutting process is being reviewed this week in Tunis, where Mr Arafat has summoned many PLO representatives.

A year ago the organisation was represented in 114 countries. The figure is now less than 100. There was rapid expansion in 1989 when the PLO was riding high on sympathy for the intifada. Many

countries, such as France and been associated with the for Spain, then upgraded rela-tions when Mr Arafat implicitly recognised Israel, renounced terrorism and declared an independent Pales-

nised "Palestine" than Israel However, that has changed since Eastern bloc countries mended ties with Israel after the collapse of communism. The PLO is now having to send new people to many Eastern bloc missions where long-serving envoys have

tinian state. He could boast

that more countries recog-

mer communist regimes. PLO coffers have also been depleted by the loss of revenue from the 300,000 Palestinians driven out of Kuwait

which, like other Gulf states, collected a 5 per cent levy on Palestinians on behalf of the organisation. Unforgiving Gulf states have cold-shouldered PLO overtures to mend relations. The PLO has long complained that Gulf money. pledged for the intifada, was going instead to the radical Islamic group Hamas.

Fire foils coalmine rescuers

FROM REUTER IN KOZLU, TURKEY

A NEW fire in the devastated Turkish coalmine of Koziu yesterday forced back rescuers trying to reach 150 missing miners, a government minister said. The rescuers had been searching for survi-vors of Tuesday's methane gas blast from which 122

"We have withdrawn rescue teams who were working 425 metres (1,390 ft) underground and efforts to cut off air temporarily to put out the fire will start shortly," Omer Barutcu, a state minister, said. The fire, in an area thought to be under control. could become a big problem if it set coal seams ablaze. Starting at the bottom level at 1,800 ft, rescue teams had reached 980 ft and were tackline fires there when the new

blaze erupted beneath them. White smoke was pouring from a ventilator shaft above one wrecked section. Officials appeared to have given up hope of finding more survi-vors, but some miners insisted their comrades might still

A miners' union leader, Semsi Denizer, challenging the company's view that a freakishly fast build-up of methane caused the explosion, said human error was more likely. Ozer Olcer, head of the state-run company, said a 20-second surge in methane levels foiled a modern detection system.

Shamir goes on talking

FROM REUTER IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, keen to show Israeli voters he is still wedded to Washington's peace initiative, yesterday rejected a Syrian idea to sus-pend Middle East talks until after the election on June 23.

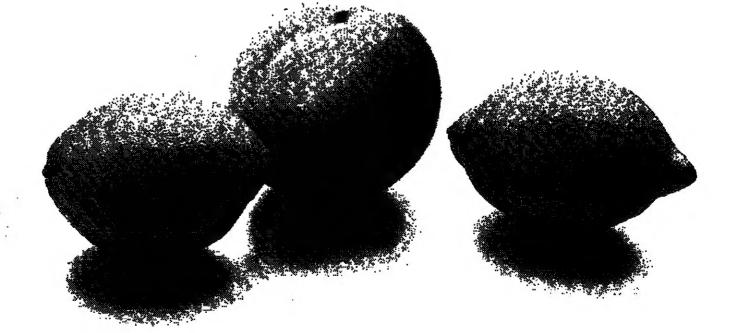
"We feel we can resume before then," Ehud Gol, the prime minister's spokesman, said. "The one has nothing to do with the other." The earliest that the talks could resume would be next month, after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan and the Jewish

Passover holiday. Syria suggested the suspension when the fourth round of the slow-moving peace talks progress. Negotiators for Israel, the Palestinians, Jordan. Syria and Lebanon could not even agree where or when to meet next.

Israeli officials were eager to emphasise the positive, even though they could not point to tangible achieve-ments. "We definitely feel we are making progress and have moved into issues of

Elyakim Rubinstein, Israel's chief negotiator in Washington, who rejected the Palestinians' self-rule model as a blueprint for statehood, said that he wanted to hold more talks soon. The United States, Russia, wants to keep them on track up to the Israeli

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Aquino tells widow to copy her example

ippines, the widow of a murdered politician, has urged Rose Velasco, the widow of Octavio Velasco, a mayor assassinated in the latest outbreak of campaign violence. to take up politics and run in her husband's place in the May general elections. Mrs Aquino flew to Ternate, 28 miles southwest of Manila, to console the widow.

Film-maker Satyajit Ray. aged 70, who is to receive a special Oscar this month, has developed respiratory problems while undergoing treatment for an old heart ailment, his doctor said. Ray's film career, spanning 36 years, will be capped by the honorary Oscar which he will receive on March 30 for lifetime achievement.

Actor Paul Eddington, the prime minister from the tele-

President Aquino of the Philippines, the widow of a murprime . Minister, went to Downing Street to lobby his real-life counterpart and hand in a letter, signed by 100 arts and sports celebrities who back demands to ban tobacco companies sponsorship deals. Spike Milligan, Rula Lenska, Ringo Starr, Bob Geldof, along with football manager Brian Clough and Olympic champion swimmer Adrian Moorhouse are among the backers of the protest.

Seisuke Ueshima, the new president of the Japanese musical instrument giant, Yamaha Corporation, has decided to punish directors for the company's reduced profits by cutting their salaries. A spokesman said the pay cuts would last for six months with the sharpest reduction of 20 per cent applied to the salary of Mr Ueshima himself.

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Bush targets South's racial factor in run-up to Super Tuesday

Kerrey bows out as race enters most critical lap

FROM PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

SENATOR Bob Kerrey of Nebraska withdrew from the accepting that the Democratic nomination was now a contest between Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Paul Tsongas, the former Massachusetts senator.

As the survivors attacked each other in the South in advance of next week's Super Tuesday polls, Mr Kerrey accepted that his failures in Colorado, Maryland and Georgia on Tuesday had left him "like the Jamaican bobsleigh team". In a gra-cious speech, he apologised to Mr Clinton for calling him 'unelectable" on account of his personal problems. "The only unelectable candidate running for the presidency is George Bush." he said. Mr Kerrey had finished fourth or fifth in all seven primaries and cacuses on Tuesday, despite his victory last week in South Dakota

His decision to withdraw highlights the change in pol-itical expectations since the beginning of the year, when the Nebraskan appeared to Democrat activists and pundits as the symbol of the new post-Cold War politician. He had a brilliant military past present glamour and a commitment to "fundamental change" for the American future. But he had no immediate response to the economic worries that were setting the agenda in New Hampshire and the South. Quoting the singer Bruce Springsteen yesterday, he said that his decision was "no retreat, no surrender". But an observer in the marbled Hart building

on Capitol Hill quipped: "No substance either Meanwhile the Republican challenger, Patrick Buchanan, who has proved the wise men of Washington wrong this year, continued his own campign in the South. In Louisiana he launched his first mild attack on his rival Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, whom he will face for the first time in Saturday's South Carolina primary. Mr Buchanan has been

under pressure for some time from his critics to disavow Mr Duke firmly and openly as President Bush has. Speaking in Baton Rouge. Louisi-ana, Mr Buchanan said care-fully that he condemned Mr Duke's KKK past and his

marching in Nazi uniforms. Mr Buchanan appealed to those who supported Mr Duke in last year's governor's race, some 55 per cent of the white electorate, to express their economic protest by a Buchanan vote next week. Those who wanted to launch a protest vote "should cast it for someone who can beat Mr Bush", he said.

The White House is hoping to force Mr Buchanan to overplay his racial cards in his search for a Louisiana victory. If Mr Buchanan can be tied to the racialist past and present of Mr Duke, it is argued that he will become more vulnerable in Northern states like Michigan and Illi-nois, which form the next electoral hurdle after Super

Since Mr Buchanan's strong showing in Georgia earlier this week, Mr Bush has intensified his attacks on purveyors of race hatred. He still does not mention Mr Buchanan by name, but the barbs are becoming increas-

ingly more pointed.
The White House also broadcast yesterday its stron-



Ripe for the picking: Bush admiring a giant strawberry at the Plant City strawberry festival in Florida. The president is on a tour of the South after primary victories in Maryland and Georgia on Tuesday

gest counter to Mr Buchanan's charge that the president supports preferential quotas for blacks in employment. Senator Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, a noted segregationalist in the 1950s and a pivotal figure in South-ern Republicanism, is featured in a Bush-Quayle teleision advertisement saying: "I would never support racial quotas and I am proud to stand with our president today". There is "not a grain of truth" in Mr Buchanan's charges, the advertisement, aired in South Carolina yes-

terday, concludes. President Bush's advisers hope that their battered can-didate has now entered a

calmer zone of the battlefield. Texas, where Mr Bush's official residence is an \$800 (£465) a night hotel suite, is an immense, expensive and uninviting place for an outsider like Mr Buchanan to compete in. Mr Bush spoke in Houston this week of the tears in his eyes when he came home to the sight of bluebonnet flowers in the fields and

cattle lowing on the range. Texans are likely to believe him in sufficient numbers to knock Mr Buchanan below his 36 per cent score in Georgia. The latest poll yesterday owed Mr Bush with a lead

Florida, too, is favourable territory for the president. Its

Republican party is dominat-ed by Cubans in the south and retired military officers in the north. Mr Buchanan's ideal of returning America to its white European values is no message to take to Miami. Nor is his isolationism and opposition to the Gulf war likely to win him friends around Tampa, where Presi-

kopf on Wednesday. The greater White House worry is that Mr Buchanan will weaken Mr Bush in Florida for the general election. After the Democrat victory in last year's governor's race,

dent Bush campaigned with

General Norman Schwarz-

larly if Mr Clinton is the The Clinton campaign looks strong in Florida. The

Arkansas governor, who ear-lier this year had been seen as leading the Democrat right, is now bidding hard for traditional black and blue-collar voters against the more busi-ness-oriented campaign of Mr Tsongas. This reversal, like the numbling of the president, the withdrawal from the race by Mr Kerrey and the end, for the moment of sex and draft-dodging politics, is the story of the 1992 nomina-tion campaign as it emers its most critical phase.

Burma's bombs rain down on defiant Karens

Burma's Karen guerrillas are resisting an offensive by the military junta of unprecedented scale and ferocity, writes Adam Kelliher in Manerplaw

The Burmese air force waits for morning mist shrouding the mountainous eastern jungles to lift before bombing and strafing Manerplaw, capital of the resistance movement against the military junta.

Missions aimed at extinguishing the insurgency now take place daily. One raid this week came as we were about to begin a lunch of sweet tea, rice and freshly ucked bananas. Our host, Tuja Manam, was first to hear the distant drone of piston-engined bombers and said with a blase air: It's time to go now. Here come the planes.

We stumbled out of his thatched hut down to the banks of the Moei river to shelter beneath a cliff and view the raid. Karen guerrillas manning heavy-calibre machineguns on craggy hilltops opened up, pasting the skies with a wild range of fire that kept the preda-

tors at a high altitude. The pair of Swiss-made aircraft of the Burmese air force lazily circled as they selected targets and then began a series of howling dives out of the hazy blue sky. Bombs were released at about 1,500 ft and obliterated a grove of vines, barnboos and hanging flowers some 500 yards away. Next came several sloppy strafing runs with newly equipped Gailing gurs.

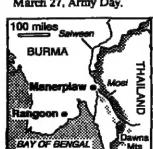
After about 30 minutes, the aircraft peeled off, and echoing counterfire stopped. A soft hiss sig-nalled that the second attack was coming, this time from F6 jets, a Chinese-made version of the MiG 19. These dropped bombs on supply bases.

The raid underlined the

Karen rebels' vulnerability China and Singapore-based arms dealers are Rangoon's main suppliers, but the junta has also secured hard cash from Japanese, Thai and Taiwan businesses eager to buy Burmese gems and teak. The Karens have been fighting the power of Rangoon since 1949. But the scale and ferocity of this year's dry-season offensive are unmatched. When Rangoon crushed anti-government demonstrations in 1988, dissidents fled to the swath of territory held by the Karens in eastern Burma bordering Thailand. with Manerplaw becoming the seat of an alternative coalition government.

Karen officials estimate that 14,000 soldiers backed by air power and artillery have been involved in the offensive, which so far has conquered three strongholds to the south, areas that provided the Karen militants with some 70 per cent of their revenue from cross-border taxation.

The advance has been blocked by guerrillas resisting on peaks overlooking the Salween river. If these posts are lost, Rangoon will have artillery firebases from which to pound Manerplaw, which they have declared must be captured by March 27, Army Day.



US makes aid deal with Hanoi

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

THE United States is to increase its humanitarian aid to Vietnam, in exchange for Hanoi's agreement to allow US experts to vearch for American servicemen still listed as missing in action from the

Announcing in Hanoi the \$3 million (£1.7 million) in additional aid yesterday, Richard Solomon, the US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian affairs, praised the Vietnam government for its willingness to co-operate in resolving the issue of missing servicemen. But he rejected Hanoi's calls for an immediate end to the American economic embargo on Vietnam.

Mr Solomon said: "As we see productive results in these POW-MIA [prisoners of war/missing in action) activities, the embargo will be lifted in stages." Over 2.000 American servicemen are still listed as missing in Southeast Asia. In exchange for the in-

crease in aid, Vietnam has agreed to a search programme for missing servicemen lasting two years.

It has also promised to work with neighbouring Cambodia and Laos to account for the lost servicemen.

China attacks Hong Kong tax rise

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

CHINA yesterday criticised Hong Kong's revenue-raising budget in the latest and most unexpected of attempts to inthe available revenues as terfere in the running of the Basic Law demands colony while it is still under

British control. The attack came during a visit to the territory by Lord Caithness, the Foreign Office minister, who said Britain would not kowtow to Peking to smooth Hong Kong's return to Chinese control in Lu Ping, the director of the

Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, said the 1 per cent increase in corporate profits tax to 17.5 per cent. announced by Hamish Macleod, the financial secretary. in his budget speech on Wednesday, was a breach of Hong Kong's post-1997 mini-constitution, the Basic Law, Mr Lu accused Mr Macleod of



Caithness: kowtowing to Peking ruled out

increasing taxes to pay for ny last weekend. Lord Caithexpenditure, instead of tailor ness has become embroiled in hong Kong affairs, which ing government spending to a widening war of words with local politicians fear may be ing government spending to a widening war of words with

He said that expenditure on Hong Kong's ambitious airport and infrastructure programme would push up inflation, placing an unfair burden on the taxpayer. His remarks reflect China's concern to maintain Hong Kong's low-tax, capitalist system at a time when the communist regime is pressing for accelerated free-market reforms in its own economy.

Mr Lu over plans to hive off Radio Television Hong Kong, which China wants to retain as a government mouthniece.

Britain insists the privatisation is a matter for the Kong Kong government, but in a move reminiscent of last year's Chinese campaign to win control over the airport, Mr Lu has threatened to make the fate of the radio station a matter for direct negotiation between Peking and London. Peking has also

begun appointing advisers on an attempt to bypass the local legislature.

 Entrepot talks: Nations cooperating on plans to develop a Hong Kong-style entrepot around northeast Asia's remore Tumen river will meet in Peking next month, a UN official said. Delegations from China, Russia, North Korea, South Korea and Mongolia are expected at the talks on the planned port and industrial complex straddling North Korea, Russia and China. (Reuter)

Africans offer ivory concession

FROM VIBEKE LAROI IN TOKYO

FIVE southern African nations yesterday offered the first concession in a heated battle over the ivory trade which has dominated a world wildlife conference in the ancient Japanese capital of

Since his arrival in the colo-

Kyoto. Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Namibia said they would consider a voluntary moratorium on the ivory trade which is currently banned worldwide. South Africa said it would continue to forbid any import or export of ivory or ivory products for the The five have not, however,

withdrawn their requests that the African elephant be reclassified under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) to allow a limited trade in ivory. The trade was banned at the previous Cites meeting in 1989 after the African elephant population fell by 50 per cent from 1.2 million in 1981.

"This is the first tangible sign that we have received of movement on the elephant issue by the southern African countries," said Simon Stuart, head of the delegation from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). "Although there are still elements in the southern African position that cause some concern among member states of Cites, IUCN hopes that all the participants will recognise that this is a significant advance." The offer could be the basis for negotiations on a compromise, added Mr Stuart, whose organisation groups both government and nongovernment members.

Mr Stuart expressed concern over the voluntary nature of the proposed ivory

China foils UN vote on Tibet

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

AS TIBETANS marked their traditional New Year, all but cut off from the outside world yesterday, Peking celebrated its defeat of a draft United Nations resolution which would have condemned Chinese abuses of human rights, especially in Tibet.

In victorious mood, Wu Jianmin, the foreign ministry spokesman, said that China had "foiled" the resolution, which would have been the first international vote on Tibet since 1965. He described it as an "attempt by some people to interfere in China's internal affairs under the pretext of the so-called human rights issue".

Mr Wu blamed the censure motion on upper-class Tibetan agitators and hostile for-eigners. "The so-called human rights issue in Tibet is the sole making of a handful of Tibetans who in the past rode roughshod over the vast numbers of Tibetan serfs and are now actively engaging in national separation in collusion with certain international hostile forces," he said.

"The Tibetan issue has nothing to do with human rights but is one that bears on China's sovereignty," Mr Wu said. He added that all Chinese people, including minorities, enjoyed human rights. The resolution, which was

to have been tabled at the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva, was sponsored by the European Community and supported by Tibetan ex-iles led by the Dalai Lama, their spiritual leader. China. however, enlisted the help of friendly Third World countries to counter-attack, with the result that the resolution criticising Peking was never put to the vote. All this just went to prove, said Mr Wu, quoting an ancient Chinese proverb, that "a just cause

enjoys wide support while an

unjust cause find little

support.
Chinese troops marched into Tipet, which China says it had traditionally had suzerainfy over, in 1951. The Dalai Lama fled in 1959 after an aborlive uprising, after which Peking began to change Ti-bet along communist lines. Many monasteries were de-stroyed or disbanded. Pro-tests against Chinese rule were organised in the capital, Lhasz, during the Tibetan new year in 1989, and Pe-king imposed martial law. In the bloodshed which resulted, officials said 16 people died. Tibetans say that the figure

was actually nearer 60. Fearing trouble in Tibet this new year, Peking last month banned all independent travellers from Tibet, allowing in only tightly-controlled tour groups. So far there has been no news of unrest in Lhasa, but as foreign journalists are banned and diplomats are only rarely invited in, such reports tend to leak out only slowly.

In the past few weeks, Peking has produced a flood of propaganda aimed at creating the impression that Tibetans are delighted by Chinese rule. But the New York-based human rights organisation Asia Watch, recently produced a report in conjunction with the London-based Tibet Information Network, stating that since 1987 about 360 political prisoners had been arrested, and that as of last September 240 remained in detention.

In the past few months Peking has allowed foreign human rights delegations into some of Tiber's prisons, but reports have emerged that political prisoners, who had dared to speak out about their conditions, were later beaten by their Chinese guards.

Sind rival of Bhutto

dies at 57 Karachi — Jam Saddiq Ali, of Pakistan's southern Sind province and arch-enemy of Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister, died yesterday at his Karachi home aged

57 (Zahid Hussain writes).

The Sind administration declared three days of mourning, closing government offices and schools. The ailing chief minister died of cirrhosis of the liver. Mr Saddiq Ali ruled over Pakistan's most turbulent province, racked by years of bitter ethnic violence. In the 1990 elections he formed a coalition of independents and the Mohajir Qami Movement (Refugee People's Movement) to bring peace to Sind.

It is feared that his death may break up the coalition, leading to a resurgence of violence. Ms Bhutto repeatedly accused him of victimising her Pakistan People's Party, once the strongest party in Sind. She said thou-sands of party workers were in jail, most of them never charged. Mr Saddig Ali's government denied this and accused Ms Bhutto of running a terrorist organisation.

Coup crushed

Nairebi: Burundi has arrested about 30 soldiers who attempted a coup in the Central African country, according to state radio. Adrien Sibomana, the prime minister, accused Libya of backing the mutinous troops. (Reuter)

Assault case

Simi Valley, California: Four white police officers have gone on trial here charged with assault after a passer-by took a video of them beating up a black motorist. The video, widely seen on tele-vision, will be shown in court.

Royal salute

Wellington: A newspaper survey found that 72.2 per cent of New Zealanders want to keep the Oueen. The result contrasted with a similar recent poil which found that just over half of Australians wanted a republic. (Reuter)

Lions' scare

Johannesburg: Many lions in South Africa's Kruger national park have the feline version of Aids, the Star reported. But it said they appeared to have built up an immunity. (AP)

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Rites of wildlife lobby bewilder Japanese

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

A COMICAL stand-off has developed at this week's Kyoto conference on endangered wildlife species, between the Japanese delegation, with its supporting flocks of deferential and exquisitely dressed secretaries, and the zealous animal welfare campaigners from the rest of the world who have streamed on to Japanese territory with their provocative pamphiets.

The Japanese, who have few non-governmental campaigning groups of their own to speak of, and certainly none that would ever dream of attempting to sway the government, are bewildered by the international animal rights groups and their fiercely competitive campaigns for publicity and funds. As hosts this week of the Convention for Interna-

tional Trade in Endangered Species (Cites), the Japanese ve politely handed out leaflets advising on protocol and the behaviour expected at a Japanese conference. But the home team is unaccustomed to long hair and sandals.

There has been much curiosity and a certain amount of envy expressed by the Japanese over the activists' rich array of colourful ties, which feature leaping gazelles, ti-gers and dolphins, and over the hippopotamus cufflinks and unisex animal motif jewellery. Young Japanese professionals, who live much of their lives under the strictures of corporate protocol. always fasten their shirt cuffs with clear buttons and wear plain-coloured ties until they reach a certain level of seniority, when they can graduate to striped or spotted ties. Muted paisley designs are generally reserved for director level, but a Cubist block print or a Liberty floral number would brand its owner a The world's animal rights

campaigners, for their part, have been astonished by their hosts, in particular by Japan's eating habits. After heated committee debates on the future of certain endangered species of turtle, delegates were shocked to find that Kyoto's most famous and exclusive dish was turtle soup, and that its second most famous delicacy is "dancing fish", a dish consisting of tiny live fish for swallowing whole.

Branded ten years ago as having the world's worst reputation as an importer of

wildlife. Japan has recently done much to clean up its image by supporting the international ban on ivory trading and agreeing to stop fishing squid with drift nets. It remains intransigent, however, on whaling and it still logs hardwood forests to unacceptable levels. Japan still

has a long way to go to be world environmental leader. Delegates have been puzzled by Japan's startling lack of evident wildlife. The Duke of Edinburgh, who visited the conference on Wednesspeculated that animal conservation might be extremely easy in Japan. On the way to Kyoto, passing through the vast metropolis of Osaka, "all I saw was one crow, and

day, spoke for many when he that was in the grounds of the imperial palace." he said.

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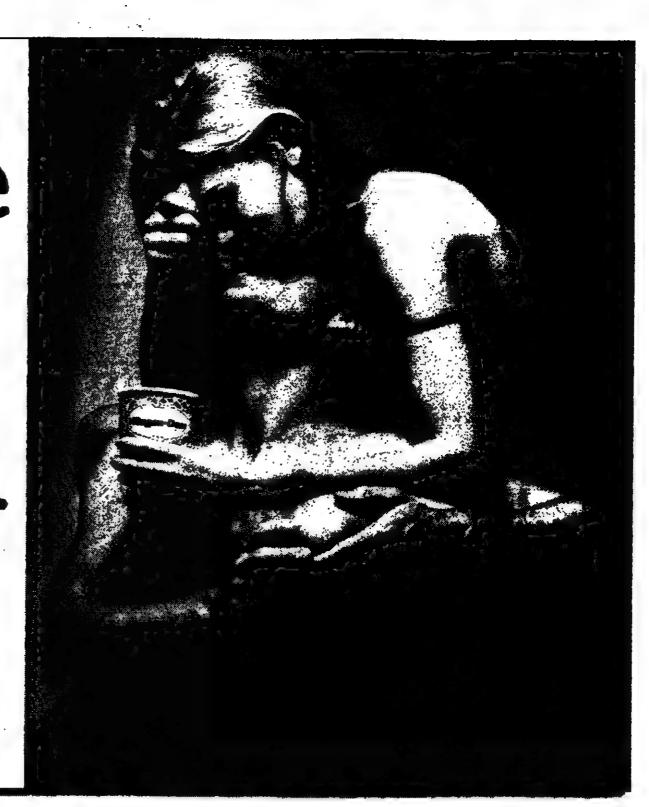
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Above their station

Philip Howard on TV's lack of social etiquette

Breeding isn't everything, is it? No, but it's a lot of fun, even vicariously on television. The AB television-watching classes were glued to their screens last night for Mary Wesley's The Camomile Lawn, the latest of the costume sagas that the British flatter themselves

on being so good at, but which are always let down by their uneasy grasp of class.

Brideshead Revisited got the gilded youth of Oxford ludicrously wrong, even in the book.

Evelyn Wayah was a brilliant satisfic but Evelyn Waugh was a brilliant satirist, but definitely not upper-class. That was one of his hang-ups. On television, Brideshead came out as high camp. It was declared, persuasively, by a former proprietor that the Daily Mail was written by shop assistants for shop assistants. Today his readers are also commuters on a line from Essex. Television dramas are made by the shop assistant classes.

The upper classes do not make TV programmes, and may not even own a set. They don't believe in class differences. Luckily, butlers and television directors disagree. It is the little nuances of class which add to the gaiety of the nation by going wrong, and sticking out like sore pinkies while drinking tea.

n The Camomile Lawn, no expense has been spared to create the illusion of London in wartime, and the melancholy atmosphere of steam trains full of standing troops. Mary Wesley is from the upper-middling classes, so the dialogue usually rings spot on. "Shall I do the greens? I know how and "I feel a pill" sound to was and to Frie Particle authority price of the provided authority price of the particle authority price and the price particle authority price and the price particle authority priced along the price particle priced along the priced a me and to Eric Partridge authentic period slang. I was less persuaded by the period correctness of some of the explicit sexual language, though I was not taking an interest in such lingo at the time, and am almost certain that "randy" in the

sense intended is an anachronism. It is when the programme gets to the manners of class that things, as usual, go hilariously wrong. Peter Hall, who directed The Camomile Lawn, and Ken Taylor (of The Jewel in the Crown), who wrote the screenplay, would indignantly deny the aspersion that they are upperclass. They come from the TV classes, ie lowermiddling and fascinated by class distinctions.

The upper-classes of the period really were not excited by the absence of knickers, and they did not keep their napkins in rings, nor did they call them servicites. For a dinner party, even all fresco, they did not lay the pudding spoon and fork at the top of the place setting.

he dining classes of 1939 did not drink their brandy out of great engraved goldfish bowls of Waterford glass. They had been brought up to hold a bottle round the neck, but a woman round the waist, not vice versa. No gent then took cream in his tea, or knew the word bourgeois. It would have been a fearful solecism in those days to wear a stick-up collar with a black tie and dinner jacket. Stick-up collars were for white tie and full evening dress. I can see how a bright young props researcher might think stick-ups looked more classy, but when even stuffy old Uncle Richard turned out improperly dressed for the last dinner before war, he destroyed my willing suspension of disbelief. Being properly dressed for the occasion is the sole function of the

upper-classes. And their shibboleth. The odd custom of making a mooing noise like a plangent heifer while kissing someone on alternate cheeks has come in only in the last 10 years, and is from Surbiton, not Belgravia. The upper classes are reluctant kissers. Sunbathing to get brown is a recent craze of the middle-classes, who want to show off to their colleagues at work about their skiing holidays. The upper classes wore sunhats and rubbed lemon into their faces to preserve their true blue pallor. The programme did get the patronising class gradation to the vicar's wife just right, and also the crude anti-Semitism. But the only one of the whole bunch who got the class signals almost right was

Rebecca Hall, playing Sophy as a young girl.

The rest was lovely, romantic (sociologically wrong) high camp about a lost tribe who never existed like that at all. Felicity Kendal and Paul Eddington are lovely, but U they are not.

Television has lifted the manufacture of class nostalgia out of the sphere of handicraft, and made it a major industry. With the rest of the shop assistant classes, I am waiting agog for next Thursday. With my notebook.

Lynne Truss reviews The Camomile Lawn in today's Life & Times, page 3.

The massacres in Nagorno-Karabakh may be the first of many as Russia retreats, says Mary Dejevsky

hen the Soviet Union became the Commonwealth of Independent States, so-called, there were widespread predictions of violence, even civil war. In the short term the predictions have proved false. The vast expanse of

Russia is at peace. Without the threat of central intervention, however, existing local conflicts have sharpened, and as the political map has changed, so have the ramifications of these conflicts. The almost constant fighting in Na-gorno-Karabakh and the bullets flying sporadically in Moldavia are still only local conflicts, but the regional contexts have changed beyond recognition.

So long as the Soviet Union existed, fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh, Georgia or Moldavia could be treated as peri-pheral. It was Moscow's prob-lem, and the metaphorical fence which surrounded the Soviet Union acted as a reasonable assurance that it would spread

That fence melted away with

Bloodstains on the map

the Soviet Union. Those small regions and republics on the edge of the empire can suddenly be seen in their geographical— rather than their political— surroundings. For Nagorno-Ka-rabakh, Moldavia and their neighbours, the world no longer ends at the Soviet frontier.

Nagorno-Karabakh, in disputed territory at the meeting of Christian Armenia and Muslim Azerbaijan, has become part of a circle which includes Ankara, Baghdad and Tehran. Moldavia is part of a circle which encloses Romania and the Balland Local conflicts such as kans. Local conflicts such as these can no longer be dismissed as someone else's problem; nor will they be safely contained by the Soviet perimeter fence. Tur-key and Iran are openly competing for the favours of the former Soviet republics in the south,

Both have been tempted to try to

settle the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, if only to remain on good, and potentially profitable, terms with them.

Should full-scale war break out between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh which is still not inevitable — Turkey, Iran and others may be tempted to take sides. Turkey has old scores to settle: Iran wishes to "protect" Azeris related to its own Azeri population. For both, there is influence, and possibly territory, to be wor. Any attempt by either to grab territory or "buy" influence might encourage others not only

to contest the victors' right to their spoils, but to test the weakness of other parts of the southern Soviet border. Western countries, for their own reasons, have studiedly declined to exploit Moscow's current weakness openly. Others,

however, may show less caution. The party least likely to intervene directly at present is probably Russia. Contracting almost before our eyes. Russia seems to feels no obligation except to its own — a commitment that ends at the official border of Russia, possibly even short of it, now that the country has almost. washed its hands of the north-

em Caucasus as well.

The ideological background to Russia's disengagement was given in the Nezavisimaya gazeta this week by the leading democratic commentator Dmi-tri Furman. "If the USSR and Gorbachev had a moral right, even a duty", he wrote, "to act as a gendamne in establishing order on the territory of the USSR - which was, after all, a single federal state - then Russia, which helped to destroy the union, has no such right."

Warning Russian against even an attempt to mediate, he went on: "It was too recently that we were the 'Big Brother'. our great-power habits are still too strong for anyone in the Caucasus to believe that our mediation is not simply a covert attempt to 'return'.

Furman's views are not fully shared by the Russian leadership, which draws a distinction between intervention, which it rejects, and mediation - by which, as Boris Yeltsin's latest appeal suggests, it may seek to preserve some regional in-fluence. In other words, the Commonwealth high command seems to be similarly intent on retaining influence, proposing a joint Commonwealth peace-keeping force.

its deeds, however, show something different. The high command's response to the up-

surge of violence in Nagorno-Karabakh was to order first the neutrality and then the withdrawal of former Soviet troops. to prevent them becoming embroiled in a conflict they had initially been dispatched to prevent. When a land withdrawal became difficult, an airlift was arranged. In Moldavia, the high command has also instructed CIS troops not to intervene.

In neither place does this order mean that troops will not act independently, but it does mean that they act without Mos-cow's backing. Suddenly, it seems, a speedier withdrawal of all former Soviet troops from other regions, including the Baltic is hindered less by considerations of dignity than by practicalities: housing the returning officers and transporting the hardware.

Moscow, as the military men are undoubtedly aware, looks much further now from the Caucasus than it did last autumn. And the Caucasus looks correspondingly closer to the caul-dron of the Middle East.

Lamont's Budget jitters

The Chancellor faces a gloomy Tuesday, writes Peter Riddell

orman Lamont's problem is that he cannot hide his in-nate Celtic pessimism. Unlike ebullient forerunners such as Denis Healey or even Nigel Lawson, he is not a good dissembler and does not always look as if he enjoys his job. So he does not inspire confidence, either with the public or cabinet colleagues.

Personally gregarious, Mr Lamont is sensitive to criticism and at times awkward with colleagues. He lacks the essential political attribute of, say, Kenneth Baker, of behaving as if everything will turn out for the best. At the defence ministry during the Westland crisis, no one thanked him when he correctly forecast the difficulties ahead for Michael Heseltine and Leon Brittan.

Mr Lamont has never looked at ease in his 15 months as Chancellor. Treasury officials believe he lacks the political weight of his predecessors. Although he may have exceeded his ambitions, he has every reason to look miserable, for he became Chancellor at the worst possible time. Thanks largely to earlier decisions, he may have the unique distinction of only ever presiding over a contracting economy. He is also now having to say things which he knows conflict with the Thatcherite orthodoxy of the 1980s.

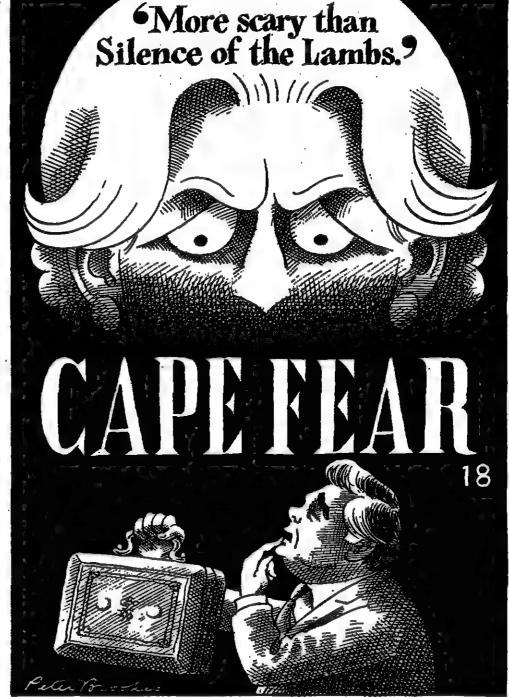
His Budget speech next Tuesday will be designed to launch the election, and will be as much a product of the politicians at 10 Downing Street as of the economists at Number 11. But whatever his inner feelings and the chilly spectre of Margaret That-



cher over his shoulder, Mr Lamont will be offering a selective view. A candid account would admit that the government un-derestimated the strength of both the late 1980s' boom and the early 1990s' recession. John Major's push, as Chancellor, for entry into the exchange-rate mechanism was correct on a long-term view, but the shortterm timing was unfortunate, with the British economy out of line with Germany and an election near. As Chancellor, Mr Lamont has suffered from his officials' misjudgment of the timing of recovery.

But - a candid Mr Lamont might continue — the recession has not been all bad news. For the vast majority of people still in work and not afraid of losing their jobs or homes, living standards have continued to rise steadily, by about 3 to 4 per cent a year. Mr Lamont would be jeered in the Commons if he said most of you have never had it so good", but it is true. Equally, he can hardly admit that times are not going to be as favourable in future. Wage rises are becoming smaller, so the growth of real incomes may slow.

Rising unemployment and voters' worries about public services have forced the govern-ment to relax fiscal policy. The more that ministers protest their consistency over public borrowing, the less plausible their claims look. In an interview this week, Mr Major said you could



count on the lingers of one hand the number of years since Henry VII when we have not run a borrowing requirement". That is utter nonsense, as even a cursory study of pre-Keynesian

public finance would show. But it is not just the ghosts of the Tudors. Gladstone and Mrs Thatcher that haunt the budget: do not forget Sir Geoffrey Howe. Justifying his 1981 Budget, when the tax burden was raised to limit the rise in public borrowing in face of a deep recession, Sir Geoffrey said, "It is the experience of governments around the world that if we try borrowing too much, then either interest rates, or inflation, or both, begin to soar." Mr Lamont will doubtless

argue that circumstances are different from those of 1981. Then, a tight squeeze was neces-sary since public borrowing had risen very sharply as a share of national income. Now, it is only two years since the public sector was repaying debt, and the relative share of debt is among the lowest in Europe. Moreover, since ERM membership means

that interest rates have to be kept up in line with German levels, the only flexibility is on the fiscal side. This may justify a rise in public borrowing in response to the recession, but min-isters are trying to use that cloak to justify big increases in discre-tionary spending unrelated to the recession, as well as tax cuts.

Consequently, borrowing is on a strong upward trend, which will be hard to reverse once the recession is over. Borrowing may rise to near the levels of the early 1980s. No wonder Mrs Thatcher finds it hard to hide her well-justified fears. No one will believe Mr Lamont if he pretends that it will be possible to return to a balanced budget in the course of the economic cycle while also reducing income tax. Even if the aim of a balanced budget is dropped, borrowing in the next two years will probably exceed the limits in European Mone-tary Union guidelines.

f Mr Lamont were candid. he would say that taxpayers had better count their blessings while they can, since whoever wins the election, the next fiscal moves will be restrictive. Spending plans will have to be cut back in the autumn, and the tax burden will rise. Welcome to the austere 1990s.

Mr Lamont knows his party duty is to sound positive and give everyone a little of what they want as well as a long term tax strategy, but he cannot appear too generous. In the last ten days, ministers have become nervous about suggestions of spiralling borrowing and large tax cuts. Instead they talk about prudence and a recession-busting budget. That is mostly hog-wash, but Mr Lamont will not want to be outbid in any contest of responsibility with John Smith, a more naturally reassur-

ing figure.

The government may be damned whatever it does. Roy Jenkins, whose cautious 1970 Budget was unfairly blamed for losing Labour the election that June, has warned that Mr Lamont is in danger of joining the list of "the great improvident Chancellors of the post-war era" (Maudling, Barber and Law-son). Lord Jenkins was uncomfortably near the mark when he said that the reaction of Mr Major and Mr Lamont to their predicament has been to screech at their opponents like "southern American, crooked TV evangelists denouncing sin".

...and moreover

Over the past couple of weeks, those of you who have unaccountably found your attention wandering from this page onto the one opposite may have spotted a fitful correspondence about weather broadcasts, in which most of the fits have been brought on by the correspondents' inability to stop their own attention wandering while the forecasters babbled. In consequence, the morning listener who is, say, contemplat-ing a picnic on South Utsira, discovers, after he has finished shaving, that he cannot remember whether or not he needs to take a scarf.

Now, up until Tuesday, I had kept out of all this: on the issue itself. I did not care one way or the other, the whole affair struck me as a private matter between the Met Office and people with more Basildon Bond than sense, but, more important, the BBC, my occasional employer, is in enough trouble as it is without having countless customers asking for the refund of their license money on the grounds that they intend going back to a nice reliable bit of seaweed. On Tuesday, however, something happened which overwhelmed both apathy and self-interest: whereupon I raised my dander. filled my pen, and grabbed my

But I did not write the letter. Because the more I thought about the two penn'orth I was going to add to the debate, the more I came to feel that it was it fell to Michael Fish to apolo-

almost wrote to *The Times* more than a two penn'orth. It was a major contribution. Possibly even a cruz. Ten bob would

I had been watching the BBC's One O'Clock News, which had drawn to its customary close with the weather forecast. The map of Britain materialis-ed, the delightful Suzanne Charlton began waying at it, and then, behind her and over northern Scotland, the following words appeared: "Glare from the sun could cause problems." Suzanne, though, did not expati-ate upon this. Suzanne merely smiled, and vanished.

I do not know when weather forecasting began. I assume some tree-dweller noticed that something funny had happened to the fir-cones again, and, even though he did not know what two and two were, put them together; and then, soon afterwards, the isobar, anti-cyclone, occluded front and so on were invented, to enable unintelligibility to be deployed in the service of an elite who could thereby become personalities and earn a decent crust opening supermarkets.

Which speit trouble; for once authority sprouts a household face, our relationship with it changes utterly. Over the past few years, weather-persons have become our friends, to the metonymic point where we not only listen to what Francis or lan or Suzanne is saying, rather than what the Met Office is saying, we also hold them accountable for what is said. Thus it was that

gise personally for the 1987 hurricanes of which he failed to warn us, and thus it is that, ever since, his colleagues have taken great pains to alert us to everything which might possibly happen, so that we do not run round to their place afterwards and poke them in the eye. They do so, moreover, not in the old exclusive jargon, but in simple practical terms: it's icy roads, so mind how you go, take a sun hat, bung polythene over delicate plants, secure wobbly fences, wear gumboots, keep high-sided vehicles away from pollen, all that. Applied meteorology. And now look where we are.

We have apparently reached the point where we need to be alerted to the purely speculative, just in case it means something the forecaster hasn't tumbled to yet. and we end up blaming him for it. "Glare from sun could cause

What kind of problems? How? For whom? Is it merely a question of ornithologists having to squint a bit in order to spot eagles, or something broader, eg InterCity grinding to a halt due to the wrong kind of glare falling on the rails? Could it, cf the 1987 débâcie, even be coded bet-hedging over the ozone col-ander, is there risk of structural damage to Caithness residents, eg hair falling out, noses sud-

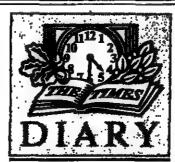
denly peeling?
And what are the Scots supposed to do about it? Well, until they hear further from Suzanne, the best advice I can offer them is to show the sun they just don't give a damn. Glare back.

Wait and **CPS**

WITH the election hanging in the balance the Centre for Policy Studies, the influential think-tank which was in the vanguard of Thatcherism, has postponed the appointment of a new director. Since John Major became prime minister, the CPS, set up by Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Jo-seph in 1975, has been fraught with internal disagreement, some members accusing David Willetts. the outgoing director, of siding with John Major with unseemly haste after the fall of Mrs

The choice of a successor to Willetts, who is standing down to fight a safe Tory seat, will deter-mine whether the CPS abandons Thatcherite ideology once and for all. Many of those tipped for the post are involved in the election. and the directors of the CPS will now wait until after polling day to ensure a wider sweep of candidates. Whether those candidates will still want the job if Labour wins the election is another matter, as the CPS will clearly then have less influence.

if the Tories win, Willetts's deputy. Dr Sheila Lawlor, who specialises in education and supports the abolition of teacher-training colleges, is the clear favourite. If they lose their marginal seats. Francis Maude, the treasury minister, and Michael Fallon, the junior education minister may also be in the running. But if Labour, wins, the CPS will want to promote more adventurous policies for the Conservative Opposition. It might then opt for a more radical candidate, such as Patrick Robertson, the 23-year-old former secretary of the Bruges Group, who achieved notoriety by claim-ing that the price of Mrs Thatch-



er's fall was paid with the blood of thousands of innocent Kurds. Both Major and Mrs Thatcher will be consulted over the succession, though of course they may well not see eye to eye.

Opinion pollsters have displayed remarkable solidarity after the Tory onslaught on the methods used by NOP, whose latest poll showed the Labour party ahead in key marginal constituencies. But what is a suitable collective noun for this unlikely union of rivals? A trend? A swing? A point-to-point? Robert Worcester, chairman of Mori, says: "We're definitely a sample of pollsters." Within the margin of error, Robert Waller, of Harris, dis-agrees: "You could call us parkers - after nosey parkers."

Dis-spelled

THE Oueen has been asked to declare the witches of Salem innocent. Exactly 300 years ago. 20 people in the Massachusetts town were accused of sorcery and publicly executed. Representatives from Salem wrote to Buckingham Palace earlier this year with a request for a "symbolic declaration of innocence".

clamation could be made only by Parliament, and suggested that

the Salem Tercentenary Committee contact the prime minister. The possibility of a pardon for the victims of the most infamous witch-hunt in history is now being considered by Downing Street.
"The 20 who died were victims of hysteria, and the people of Sa-

lem feel strongly that the names of their ancestors-should be cleared by the British Parliament," says Neil J. Harrington, Mayor of Saiem. Both the Queen and her prime minister have been invited to the town on July 19 to attend the unveiling of a memorial statue to the three Towne sisters, two of whom were hanged, while the third went on to prove her sisters' innocence. Arthur Miller - whose play The Crucible used the Salem witch-hunt as a metaphor for Mc-Carthyism - has promised to attend the ceremony.



Taxer's tipple

WHEN the Chancellor rises from his bench next Tuesday to deliver the crucial Budget speech, clut-ched in one hand will be a large turnbler of malt whisky to steady his nerves. Norman Lamont will take advantage of the tradition The Queen replied that the pro- permitting the Chancellor to drink alcohol in the Chamber while delivering a Budget speech - the only time that MPs are allowed to bring drink into the chamber (other than skinfuls, that is). Last year, when there was less pressure on Lamont to deliver an election-winning package, he was content with an insouciant glass of mineral water, but or. Tuesday his Highland Spring mineral water will be mixed with Highland Park

whisky, distilled in the Orkney Islands, close to Lamont's native Shetlands.
If the Scottish nature of Lamont's tipple is an effort to appease the Scots for a rise in duty on their national drink, he may find they won't swallow it. A tartan-clad Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the Tory MP, says: "It would be a heresy and an abomination to drink

malt with fizzy water. It is acceptable with still water. But Scotch should be drunk on its own. Alas. some of my colleagues have weaker heads than others."

Time and ties

IT MAY come as a shock, but that embarrassing 1960s psychedelic tie at the back of the wardrobe, which you wouldn't use now to tie up the exhaust of your car, is a potential museum exhibit.

The Victoria & Albert Museum is hunting for outrageous and tasteless ties to include in their Great Tie Extravaganza in the new European Ornament Gallery. No design is too repulsive, no colours are too clashing, say the organisers.

Juliette Foy of the V&A - perhaps recalling the garish neckwear sported the erstwhile director Sir Roy Strong - warns: "To be included, a tie would have to be pretty gross, and the best will probably come from the kipper-tie brigade. We will identify the donors, but if people are too shy to admit they own such things, we'll keep them anonymous."

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swings south, with President Bush struggling to repair the substantial damage inflicted by Patrick Buchanan, his Republican challenger. He has been forced on the defensive by Mr Buchanan's strong showing in the clutch of primaries on Tuesday, where he took around a third of the vote, kept up the momentum of his high velocity campaign and fired a salvo of charges against the president's leadership that have battered Mr Bush's credibility.

So far the response has been flaccid. Instead of standing firm on his record. Mr Bush has tacked to the right in an attempt to recapture disaffected conservatives. He admits that his reneging last year on his 1988 promise not to raise taxes was a "mistake". He has encouraged rumours that he may dismiss Nicholas Brady, his loyal treasury secretary. As he begins a frenetic six-day tour of the south, he is putting on his folksy clothes and Texan drawl and telling voters that he has heard their protest but still "feels good" about the primaries. People would soon see, he predicted in Florida on Wednesday, "that

I'm the person to lead the country".

Most voters do not see this. Nor do they feel good. They see around them a stubborn recession, a deadlocked budget, a spiral of crime and drug-related violence, a collapse of education, growing racial discord and a social malaise that has allowed the thoughtpolice of political correctness to dominate the discussion with censorious attempts to compensate for all society's inequalities of race, gender, wealth and opportunity by levelling legislation. They see in Mr Buchanan a man not afraid to voice their fears and prejudices, a man who puts "America first", who appeals to apavistic patriotism, who harks back to an imagined age of stability before

America lost its moral bearings. Lacking the steady experience of James Baker, his former campaign manager, or the late Lee Atwater, his pit-bull strategist, Mr Bush's team is floundering. The more he tries to answer the charges of abandoning the Reagan mantle, the more he attempts to

The American election campaign now be all things to all voters, the more he looks swings south, with President Bush strug-like "President Noodle" in the dismissive soubriquet of The New York Times. Unable to articulate or project his philosophy and political beliefs, he lacks the magnetism to draw and hold the coalition of conservatives. Reagan Democrats and the radical young who formed the bedrock of his predecessor's strength. All Mr Bush's best qualities become electoral liabilities: his pragmatism is viewed as opportunism, his moderation as vacuousness, his decency as detachment.

The president has not lost his nerve. He has been here before, and triumphed over his critics in 1988 who wrote him off after a weak start to the campaign as an East Coast establishment wimp. He has a thick skin in public, and is not afraid to take savage measures to restore his popularity. In 1988 he made notorious use of the release of a black rapist in Massachusetts. This year he has already thrown to the wolves. John Frohnmayer, the hapless head of the National Endowment for the Arts, which Mr Buchanan accuses of pandering to blasphemy and homosexuality.

Mr Bush's supporters also point out that he has steadily accumulated convention delegates, already 319 compared with only 20 for Mr Buchanan. They say his strategy is to push on, state by state, until he has an unbeatable lead, by which time Mr Buchanan will be persuaded to withdraw so as not to divide the party further. This strategy will undoubtedly succeed. But in election campaigns, perceptions and expectations are the yardstick, not just vote totals. By doing so much better than expected, Mr Buchanan has made Mr Bush look vuinerable.

The president's victories have been pyrrhic. He is helped by the continued absence of a credible Democratic alternative. But he must now take stock of his campaign, concentrate on his beliefs and achievements and not just indulge in Gulf war nostalgia and convince the country that he is still the best man to lead it for another four years. A president elected by default would enter the White House under a terrible handicap.

MARGINAL ERROR

Ignore canvass returns, straw polls and especially what candidates say they are picking up on the doorstep. Discount private polls and view with scepticism polls carried out in marginal constituencies, such as NOP's yesterday, showing a 7½ per cent swing to Labour since 1987. The best guide to the election result is that provided by opinion. polls which are truly national, and only then if they reveal (as they should) their sample size, fieldwork dates and a summary of the

methods they use. The Victorian days when experienced party agents correctly guessed national elections to within a few seats are long gone. Voters fib, telling canvassers what they think they want to hear. Parties lie, telling the public that the canvasses show what they would like them to show. Candidates delude themselves, always detecting a strong tide of opinion in their favour.

Parties also lie about their private polls. The Market Research Society has made valiant efforts to control this abuse. The pollsters too are fighting it, calling a press conference at the Commons yesterday to show that they are squeaky-clean. They may or may not succeed. But there are plenty of published polls, 54 during the 1987 election, so private polls can be safely disregarded.

Polls of marginal seats are less easily dismissed. The new NOP poil, for the Local Government Chronicle and the BBC's Public Record, is not entirely convincing. It was conducted in a single day. It mixed Tory/Labour and Tory/Liberal Democrat marginals, which may be behaving very differently from each other. These flaws, however, are not why Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, preemptively leaked it and

rubbished it. Had NOP put the Tories ahead, the methodological flaws would have passed Mr Patten by, just as he will hear no criticism of

his party's own private marginal polls, which show it in front. In theory, marginal poils use the same methods as national polls. Since they are conducted only in the seats which will decide the outcome, they ought to be more accurate indicators of its result. In practice, their performance has been patchy. Some, like Morrs for this newspaper at the last election, have been spot on. Others, like the poll that caused the Tory "Black Thursday during the 1987 election, have

thrown up inexplicably wild results. In theory, voters in marginal seats may behave differently from voters generally. Tory strategists are claiming that this may happen this time. The Tories are well organised in the key marginals. They look for a further boost from the incumbency effect, which stops voters throwing out sitting MPs.

Practice may again be different. Few psephologists think organisation matters. The incumbency effect is worth more — up to 1,500 votes — but it appears to apply only on the first occasion that a newly-elected MP defends his seat. That applies to just five Tory seats. The safest assumption is that the swing in the marginals will be the same as the national swing. For there is no need to stare into such clouded crystals when the book is there to be read. The book shows that there are regional and local peculiarities in election results, but that on aggregate, national swing is an uncannily accurate predictor of the number of seats each party will win. The book also shows that the average error per party of national poll election forecasts in the

13 post-war elections is 1.2 per cent. Yet national polls can still get it wrong, as they mostly did in 1970 and February 1974. They more usually get it right, as they have with precision in the past four general elections. As for the politicians, they should leave polisters to analyse public opinion - and get on with their job, which is to change it.

DYING OFF SCREEN

When Alec Guinness played eight parts in Kind Hearts and Coronets, one of the most delightful of the Ealing comedies, it was all part of the fun. These days it would be seen as a desperate attempt at cost-cutting. The old British film industry, never exactly healthy, is shooting what might be its final scene. Last year 12 films were made and so far this year, only one is in production. As recently as 1985, the rate was one a week.

The British have never cared much about their film industry, some even writing off cinema as a lesser art form. What subsidy it used to win came from the Eady levy on cinema tickets and through capital allowances that applied to all industries. Both have been abolished. A few million pounds a year goes straight from government to film development bodies, but it is popcorn compared with what happens abroad.

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The French government spends 15 times as much as the British government on its film industry; the German government, 20 times. Such figures are often bandied by the film lobby as evidence of the meanmindedness of government. Yesterday a conference sponsored by the Confederation of British Industry and the British Film Institute joined the chorus. But once again they failed to question the motives behind

these foreign subsidies. In other European countries, national cinema is seen as a prop to national culture. Britain evidently feels it needs no such prop: it already has superb theatre and excellent television. Moreover, the French or German resistance to being swamped by American culture is not just a reaction against a McDonald's society but masks an anxiety about the "imperialism" of the English language. American cinema is nowhere near as alien to the British as to others in Europe: it speaks the same language.

America has the economies of scale that Britain, even Europe, can never match. It is a monolingual country of near-fanatical cinemagoers. Though in its population it is slightly smaller than the EC, its cinema admissions are nearly twice as high. And while American audiences are culturally fairly homogenous, it is a rare film that can appeal from Palermo to Perth.

Britain is still good at the low-budget, quirky film. Where it used to excel was in hosting the production of foreign films. The number of British studios has fallen from 30 to five, and even they are underused. Though they are now promising new realism, unions have pushed up production costs. In spite of that. American blockbusters such as Star Wars, Batman and Indiana Jones were still

being made here in the 1980s. Steven Spielberg recently wanted to use Elstree to shoot Hook; deterred by the tax regime, he chose Hollywood instead. Since 1987, visiting actors have had 25 per cent tax withheld from their salaries. Jack Nicholson's objection to this was one reason why Batman 2 was not shot at Pinewood. The government may well baulk at directly subsidising British cinema, but it seems perverse to use the tax system actively to deter business that helps the balance of payments. This is one tax decision that Norman Lamont could usefully reverse next Tuesday. The film lobby would cheer, and a smile might even flicker briefly upon the usually inscrutable face of Sir Alec Guinness.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In Portugal, a list that was orig-

inally to have been limited to only the

most important cultural objects is

now being expanded to take in

almost every work of art in the

country. As a consequence, it has become bogged down in the bureau-

In Britain, we have seen a similar ballooning of the list of statutorily

protected historic buildings. The original list was largely confined to canonic works of architecture of the

Georgian and earlier periods. Now

pithead baths, cabmen's shelters and

telephone kiosks feature on a list that

runs to 400,000 structures. No list of

London is not only a world centre for the art trade but for art histori-

ans. Mr Renton may be certain that,

if he is rash enough to institute a list, his office will be besieged with

cogently argued demands for "spot listing" every time a work of art, dear

to some faction of the heritage lobby.

From Ms Giulia Ajmone Marsan

Sir. Your leader claims that "the EC

is pressing for a list of heritage items to be made subject to internal trade controls". Precisely because a single

market is to be created post-1992,

the EC has put forward proposals for

the restitution of works of art illegally

removed from one country and taken

for common documentation for ex-

port of works of art to non-EC

countries. Both proposals allow

member states to keep their own

system of export controls, and would

also cover objects of a certain value and age, aidn to the existing UK

These proposals are not an in-stance of EC "additional market

intervention", but a genuine and necessary attempt to find a com-

promise between the countries with a

strong, free art market and those

with an immense but inefficiently

Yours faithfully, GIULIA AJMONE MARSAN,

protected heritage.

The Art Newspaper,

February 29.

Mitre House, 44-46 Fleet Street, EC4.

It has also put forward proposals

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comes up for sale.

Yours faithfully, CLIVE ASLET

(Deputy Editor).

King's Reach Tower,

Stamford Street, SE1.

Country Life,

February 29.

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Minister's 'myopia' on export of art

From Sir Denis Mahon, FBA

Sir, The self-congratulatory letter (February 29) from the minister for the arts concerning art exports begins by stating that he has "seen no evidence" that sales have been accelerated as a consequence of recent statements from his depart-

However, his letter (implying a profound acquaintance with the art market) bears witness to his own myopia rather than to the nonexistence of a trend which most people with just a little knowledge of human nature would regard as all too predictable.

The minister purported to address this problem of art exports by referring it to a committee which is housed in and serviced by his own department; and he persists in citing its so-called recommendation in support of his stance,

That body ingenuously accepted the poisoned chalice artfully pressed upon it by the minister: a choice between unrealistic financial arrangements which failed to enable the existing, widely-supported, "Waverley" system to operate, or the adop-tion of arbitrarily selective, quasiconfiscatory methods in order to secure major additions for the nation's museums and galleries.

I was reassured to see that you, Sir, show the robust common sense so implausibly claimed by the minister by making it clear in your leading article, "Art of first refusal" (February 29), that the second alternative would be unacceptable in a civilised society (however "feasible", if not viable, it might be in a fascistminded one). Nor, incidentally, can I believe for a moment that such a policy could find acceptance as that of the party to which the minister

belongs.

If the cost of retention in this country were tantamount to legalised theft (to borrow Lord Perth's phrase, in a recent letter to Country Life) I must beg to be "included out".

Yours faithfully, DENIS MAHON, 33 Cadogan Square, SW1. March 1.

From Mr Clive Asiet

Sir. The problem with lists is their tendency to multiply. Mr Renton may believe that his mooted list of non-exportable works of art would "be highly selective and restricted to really outstanding heritage items". but there can be no guarantee that, once introduced, it would stop there.

Twyford Down route

From the Director of the British Road Federation Ltd.

Sir, Your leader, "A cutting too far" (March 2) and the letter from Professor Martin Biddle and his distinguished co-signatories (February 29) both argue for the M3 at Twyford Down to be put in tunnel.

The arguments are neither as narrow nor as simple as you or your correspondents would have us believe. The conclusions of two public enquiries lasting a total of 105 days filled 132 pages and covered a wide range of issues.

In addition to those like your leader-writer, striding the chalk downs feeling awed and humble, the public enquiries paid attention to those whose quality of life will be affected more directly and more

permanently.

Nor did the enquiries ignore the impact on sites of special scientific interest (SSSIs), areas of ourstanding natural beauty (AONBs) or th scheduled ancient monuments. It is undeniable that the road will have an impact on two SSSIs (there are more than a hundred in Hampshire), but it is certainly not true that they will be

destroyed. Equally, a visit to the the minimal visual impact a motorway (M40) need have through a chalk down.

In the end the second public enquiry concluded that all options --including a tunnel - would have a major environmental impact and

on the basis of evidence presented at these enquiries, the environmental superiority of a major numel alternative is outweighed by the combined effects of substantially higher capital costs and worse exonomic performance, a much delayed opening date, the implications of adverse traffic distribution on Winchester and St. Cross. the provision of large sites. and St Cross, the provision of large sites for soil disposal, and disruption to BR. which by comparison with the depart-ment's proposals are not justified.

All change involves a balancing of benefit and disbenefit. More important in economic and environmental terms than the extra cost is the further delay to a project which is long overdue.

Yours faithfully. PETER J. WITT, Director, The British Road Federation Ltd., Pillar House. 194-202 Old Kent Road, SEI. March 3.

Venetian churches From Lady Clarks

Sir, Although thefts from Venetian churches have happily declined, largely due to the insistence by the Superintendency of Arts on the installation of burglar alarms, the need for paid custodians has not There are many more tourists, as Lord Norwich says (article, February 29) seeking out the cultural heritage of the city, 80 per cent of which is to be found in parish or vicarial churches whose congregations have dwindled and are unable to bear the

custodians and minor repairs. In the past two years the municipality has responded to the appeal by the college of priests for a contribution towards these expenses for the months for April to October,

whole financial burden of paying

giving 30 million lire in 1990 and 50 million in 1991 — but this year their budget for culture has evidently been halved and there is nothing.

Don Aldo Marangoni, the priest responsible for liaison between the Curia and the local authorities, as well as the voluntary international funds such as our own, is due to meet the cultural councillor of the city on April 2. If the answer is still zero visitors may indeed be limited to early morning and late afternoon when churches are open for the usual services. But this should not discourage them!

Yours sincerely.

FRANCES CLARKE (Vice-Chairman), The Venice in Peril Fund, 8 St James's Place, SW1. March 3.

From the Chairman of the

Conference of Medical Royal Colleges and their Faculties in the UK

The Royal Colleges, together with the specialist associations, continue to strive for improvements in general

Their commitment to reduce juinformation on costings of health care, as well as participation in Europe are all matters of fact.

and limited resources. In the end it is the mutual and equal partnership

Royal College of Physicians, Il St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, NW1.

Sir. Your editorial delivers a series of stab wounds but fails to lance the abscess of discontent. No mention is made of conflicting signals from the government — to deliver better patient care, reduce waiting lists and become more cost effective. We see more and more administrators being appointed with less money being

Cures for the doctor's dilemma

Sir. Even if your leader, "The doctor's dilemma" (March 2) had been written 40 years ago, it would have been regarded as antiquated. Its description of medical education as "a mixture of rote learning and ritual humiliation" and that "facts alone are wanted" bears no relation to the advances in medical education, such as the successful attempts at integrated or problem-orientated teaching, the importance of ethical issues, the development of communications skills or the continued revisions of the examination system. The interim report of the GMC, Undergraduate Medical Education: the Need for Change, is further evidence of widespread support for radical revision.

professional and higher specialist training programmes which are already recognised as some of the most comprehensive in Europe. The Royal Colleges are determined to reduce training time where possible, and to support those in training and they recognise that much more still needs to be done.

nior doctors' hours without compromising training, their active support for medical audit and better management of the new NHS and their enthusiasm to contribute in

You promote alternative medicine: this must pass the test that any medicine must pass - that is, to be shown to be effective through properly controlled evaluation. You also say that those in hospital practice "look down" on general practitioners; in fact the partnership of mutual respect is flourishing, as witnessed by their combined work in the Conference of Medical Royal Colleges — as well as in day-to-day

There is no room for complacency and there is still much to do. Doctors in general and the Royal Colleges in particular have a major role to play in a world of rapid-changing technology, increasing patient demands between doctors and their patients which counts, and this commitment will not change.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET TURNER-

WARWICK,

From Mr Stuart L. Stanton

available for health care so that we have operating lists which are idle and intensive care beds which cannot be staffed.

Nothing was mentioned about the paucity of funds for research, which is fundamental to improve clinical practice and is an essential part of postgraduate training.

You cite an indifference to alternative medicine as one of our faults. but we have been brought up to look for objective scientific evidence of success in our conventional therapies. This same objective scrutiny is frequently lacking with alternative medicine.

Many of the NHS reforms are sensible and overdue. Doctors are becoming increasingly irritated at having to make even more cost savings when we see insufficient funds being directed towards the health service and ourselves made political scapegoats.

Medicine is still a vocation but it has to be satisfying like any career. It is now extremely difficult to try and combine the central interests of the clinical care of the patient and research, and the increasing demands on our time for administration and management.

Yours faithfully, STUART L. STANTON (Consultant gynaecologist and gynaecology manager). St George's Hospital Medical School Lanesborough Wing. Cranmer Terrace, SW17. March 3.

From Dr Ronald Livingston Sir, I sympathise with any disillusioned doctor facing the current dilemma, hemmed in with restrictions as it is.

Within a very short time of experimenting with homoeopathy nearly 36 years ago, I have never looked back in terms of professional gratification at the long-term results I have been privileged to achieve in so many chronic cases generally regarded as incurable.

I can well remember how rapidly my outlook on life in general and medicine in particular became vastly widened and deepened by this com-prehensive, rational, gently-acting and safe therapy. Not its least attractive feature is its cost effective-

Yours faithfully, RONALD LIVINGSTON, Forsyte Folly, 20 Ravine Road, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset.

From Mr Christopher M. McGeoch Sir, Your leader writer crowed over the wresting by GPs of minor surgery from the hands of surgeons in hospitals. Any reader who is contemplating such treatment might like to consider the adage, "there is no such thing as minor surgery, just minor surgeons". Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER M. McGEOCH (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon). 39 Berwick Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire. March 3.

School inspections From Mr Peter Dawson

Sir, As the present general secretary of the Professional Association of Teachers, may I clarify my personal views on the provisions in the Education (Schools) Bill which relate to inspection of schools (report. March 4). I believe that the secretary of state's intentions are to be app-

Anyone who thinks that present arrangements are satisfactory should read carefully the sections on school behaviour in the latest report of the senior chief inspector of schools. This states that, while there are serious problems in some primary schools. pupils in secondary schools are generally well behaved, polite, res-

muded.

ponsible, punctual and well motivated. When asked by me to explain his disregard of all the disciplinary problems facing secondary school teachers. the senior chief inspector wrote back, a formight ago, to say that his inspectors found none. It is obvious that Her Majesty's Inspectors are out of touch, and that there is an urgent need to reconsider their methodology.

Yours faithfully, PETER DAWSON (General Secretary), Professional Association of Teachers, 2 St James' Court, Friar Gate, Derby. March 4.

Academic skills

From Sir Graham Hills, FRSE

Sir, I found the letters from Geoffrey Alderman and Bernard Harrison (February 28) deeply depressing. It seems that my academic colleagues have learned little from the last 15 years. Nothing so damages the morale in universities as whingeing and nothing impresses government less. There is no point in talking down the universities' prospects in this way, especially whilst the new universities-to-be uncomplainingly seize every opportunity presented to

British universities do not have to behave like supplicants and constantly to plead with governments for sustenance. Happily they have a major part to play in Britain's biggest boom industry, namely higher education. They need to be aware of the value of their vital contribution to it and to behave accordingly.

It is absurd and not very intelligent to complain about underfunding when year by year almost all universities are taking in more and more students at the financial margin. Even the dimmest amongst us see that filling up with only partially funded students is incompatible with protestation of underfunding.

The way out of this miserable state of affairs is to assess the true costs of tuition and to recover those costs out of economic student fees. There will be no end to the hand-wringing until the true costs of undergraduate education are brought into the open.

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It would then be up to the universities to charge matching fees to meet these costs. At the same time they would invite, where necessary, all but the poorest of students or parents to top up the government's contribu-tion to the fee — which will always be large but inadequate - by, say, 10

per cent of the total fee. It is likely that when students, staff. parents and employers realise the true cost of higher education, then a better deal can be done with government. The freedom thus won by the universities and colleges would enable them once again to stand on their own feet and break the habit of blaming everyone else for their plight

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM HILLS, Sunnyside of Threepwood, Laigh Threepwood. Beith, Ayrshire.

Excess baggage From Dr.A. G. Towers

Sir, I have just received two monthly magazines of general interest. In addition to the usual advertisement features there were 15 pamphlets, four for assorted insurance plans and the rest for a friendly society, a money-lender. garden/home care, beds for backache sufferers, hearing uids and postcard sets.

I also received two free so-called newspapers. Surely it is time to curb such a waste of national resources.

A. G. TOWERS, 16 Millne Court, Bedlington, Northumberland.

Floral insight

reincarnations.

From Mr Malcolm Rogers Sir, I would have thought that one of the most popular crops in the Chelsea Psychic Garden (letters, February 25, 29) would be flowers

returned from the spiritual state -

Yours sincerely MALCOLM ROGERS. The Robey, 240 Seven Sisters Road, N4.

Always behind

From Mr B. R. Barnfield

Sir, How depressing to read the confession by the Head Valet of The Savoy (letter, March 4) that that once splendid establishment now admits men (one can hardly say gentlemen) who wear machine-stitched suits. Not only does it admit them; it clearly permits them to take rooms. How ignominious for the valet department to be obliged to repair the consequences of their patrons'

Yours faithfully B. R. BARNFIELD. 12a Westbourne Crescent, W2.

From Mr George Carbutt Sir, I would like to remind Dr

Glaister (letter. February 28) that only potatoes wear jackets. Gentlemen wear coats.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE CARBUTT. 33 Greyhound Road, W6.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 5: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Pal-

are this morning.

The Queen, Patron, Royal National Institute for the Blind, this evening attended a reception at St James's Palace and was received by the President (the Duke of Westminster) and the Director General (Mr Ian Bruce).

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Com-mander David Walker, RAF,

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davies at the Memorial Service for Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe, which was held in the Church of St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall, London, EC2, today. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 5: The Princess Royal, President of Patrons, Crime Concern, this morning attended the launch of the TSB Foundation Splash 'Q2 Initiative at Stationers'

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Association of Combined Youth Clubs, this evening visited Dulmore Youth Group, Epiphany Hall, Bassano Street, London, SE22; Elms Youth Club, Elm Lane Playing Fields, Elm Lane Catford, London, SE6, and Grove Park Youth Club, Marvels lane, Grove Park, London, 5E12.

The Countess of Lichfield was

CLARENCE HOUSE March 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today honoured the First Sea Lord (Admiral Str John Oswald) and the Navy Board with her presence at lun-cheon at Admiralty House.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the expanded London City Airport at the Royal Docks, Silvertown

Her Royal Highness this after-tion visited Birmingham and noon visi was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the West Midlands (the Earl of Aylesford). The Princess of Wales opened Mary Stevens Hospice, Stour-

Her Royal Highness, President, Barnardo's, subsequently visited the Dudley Family Centre at Greystone Passage, Dudley.
Finally, The Princess of Wales,
Patron, Relate, visited the
Birmingham Relate Centre at 5-10 Bishopsgate Street,

KENSINGTON PALACE March 5: The Duchess of Gloucester was present at a Lun-cheon and Fashion Show in aid of the Breast Care and Mastectomy Association at the Grosvenor

Mr Patrick Jephson was in

House Hotel, Park Lane, London, Mrs Michael Wigley was in

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 5: The Duke of Kent,
Patron of the Tree Council, this
afternoon attended a prizegiving ceremony for the "Royal Anniver-sary Trees" Schools Competition Captain the Hon Tom Coke was in attendance.

Dinners Arbitrators' Company
Alderman Sir Alan Traill, Lord
Mayor locum timens, and Lady
Traill, accompanied by the Sherill's and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Arbitrators Company held last night at Lin-coln's Inn. Mr Ronald Mildred. Master, presided and the other speakers were Mr Anthony Borley, Senior Warden, and Mr Ronald Betnetein.

Old Manamians Association Sir Geoffrey Littler and Mr Geof-frey Parker, High Muster of the Manchester Grammar School were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the London section of the Old Mancunians Association held last night at the linner Temple. Mr Alan Corbishley presided.

Royal Cruising Club Mr Hugh Kennedy, QC, Com-modore of the Irish Cruising Club, accompanied by Mrs Ken-

Service dinners

Corps of Royal Engineers The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, the Attorney-general and the Min-ister of State for the Armed Forces amended a Corps of Royal En gineers guest night dinner held last night at RE Headquarters, Chatham. General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, presided.

Mounted Infantry Club General Sir Frank Kitson presided at the annual dinner of Mounted Infantty Club held last night at Boodle's General Sir David Ramsbotham and Mr Christopher Curtis were the

nedy, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Royal Cruising Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Rear-Admiral R.M. Burgoyne, Director of the Royal Institute of Navigation, was among the guests received by Mr G.W.

Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman of the Families for Defence Pa-trons Club, presided at a dinner held last night at the Carinon Club. The Yugoslav Ambassador

HM Customs and Excise
Mrs V.P.M. Strachan, Deputy
Chairman of the Board of HM
Customs and Excise, was the
principal guest at the annual
dinner and re-union of the invertigation division held less plans vestigation division held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Gibson Grenville and Mr Anthony Lovell also spoke.

Luncheon

Mr Plet Dankert, Dutch Foreign Minister, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the London Europe Society held yesterday at the St Ermin's Hotal. Mr Derek Prag. MEP, chairman, presided Among others present were:

The Ambassadors of Belgium, Hungary and Lutembourg, Ministers from the Embassics of Germany, China, Sweden and The Netherlands, Lord Cobbold, Baron Vacs, Sir Frank Roberts and Mrs Edwina Currie, MP.

Latest wills

Latest wills include (not before tax of Knaresborough, North Yorkshire 5788,958.

DEATHS



Airport. She was attending the relaunch of the Docklands airport yesterday after runway lengthening

Today's royai engagements

The Queen will visit Reading University to celebrate the 100th anniversary of higher education in Reading at 11.30. The Princess of Wales will visit Centrepoint, Soho's special project for homeless 16 year olds, at Haberdasher's House, 306

Queen's Road, SE14, at 10.55. The Princess Royal, as President of the Princess Royal Trust for of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will open the Dixon Community Belleisle House Residential Unit, Govenhill, Glasgow, at 11.45; will attend a luncheon at the Clydesdale Bank, 30 St Vincent Place, at 1.15; and will visit the Parkhead Housing Association, 56 Dechmont Street, at 2.30. She will visit the Barrowfield Leather Company, 47 Solway Street, at 3.30; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend the Scottish British Olympic Appeal dinner at the Royal Concert Hall at 7.00.

Benenden School announce the following Scholar-

ship Awards:

Ship Awards:

Endy Blaset (Bigh Form Music and Trust Scholarship) Outed County School; Margaret Fistus (Founders Scholarship) St. Mary's Primary School; County Durham; Hardet Witheridge (Barbara Findigs Trust Academic Schoolarship) Evo End Priest Schoolarship) St. Bede's: Elizabeth Hemengs (Honorary Academic Scholarship) Fallster House, Julia Pendund Honorary Academic Scholarship) Harriwood School; Olivia Cotton (Fonorary Music Scholarship) Cuman'r House.

The (Glessing, Ingeneral Scholarship) The following internal scholarships were awarded:

Upper School Scholarships: Clare Baymun: Shanalle Chelleram; Cella Cornes; Easle Dubols (Music). III Froming: Automia Pyennent (Idusica Lauren Swiney; Heide Blum; (TUS Shin Form Music Scholarship).

Memorial services

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davies at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe held yesterday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhait. The Rev David Burgers officiated and heid yesterday at St. Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. The Rev David Burgess officiated and Father Wilfrid Tighe led the prayers. Mr Carl Fisher, Master of the Painter-Stainers' Com-pany, read the lesson and Mr Damian Gardner-Thorpe, grand-son, read from the works of Cardinal Neuman. Sir Edward

Howard gave an address.
Edward Caesar, great nephew, sang Psalm 23. The Rev Walter Evans was robed and in the Sanctuary. Colour Sergeant C.L. Witten, 5th (V) Battalion, The Queen's Regiment, sounded Last Post and Reveille. Sir Robin Gillett, Lord Mayor locum ta-nens, also representing the Order of the British Empire, Lady Gillett, the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth and the Chief Executive of the City of Portsmouth attended. The Danish Ambassador was The Danish Ambasador was represented by Mr Flemming Axmark and the Mayor of Kensington and Cheisea by Mr Roger Barker. Others present included:
Lady Gardner-Thorpe (widow), Dr Christopher Gardner-Thorpe (grand-daughler), Mrs I Ray (Stiert, Mrs Folesar, Mrs B Jooes-Thomas, Mrs M Holl, Mrs I de Estwyskow, Mrs A Edojuan.
Lord and Lady Mais, the Ron Mrs Wolfe-Parry, Sir John Gruscon, Sir Jasper Hollom (chesirman, Distressed Gentletolik's Aid Association) with Dame Rathless Raven (representing the general scoretary), Sir Peter and Gentiebliks Aid Association) with bame kathiesa Raven (uppresenting the general secretary), Sir Peter and lady Gadsien, Lady (Kharies) Norison (Forcer Heip Society), Sir Peter Hops (Order of Matta, Sir Joseph Caniley, General Sir Robert Pord, Sir Ralph Kilner Brown, Sir Aleon, Copisarow, Sir Hugh Bidwell, Sir Desmond Heap, Adderman Sir Gereille Spratt, Sir Christopher Lewer, Alderman Sir Chris-topher Collen.

Lendon Polles, Mr Shariff John Perring, the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council, the Swortbearer, Aidermen of the City of London, Mr Deputy R W S Horlock (chairman, Sheriffs Society, City of London), the Master of the Leathers (Company, the Master of the Marteror Company, the Master of the Fannakers' Company, the Eccurer Warden of the Ghaziers' Company (the Captain of the Painter-Stainers' Company), the Chaptain of the Painter-Stainers' Company, Mr Benry Court (representing the Master of the Marterias' Company), the Chaptain of the Painter-Stainers' Company, Mr Jonathan Chartham (rapresenting the Governor of the Bank of England). Mr Neil Farrance iscerenty, Bishopsate Ward City, Mr William Doyle (chairman, Stahopsate Foundation), Mr Denury, Bernard I. Marcan (City Lywy) Ward Clain, bir william Doyle ichain-man, stahopegate Foundation, Mr Depury Bernard I, Morgan (City Llway Club, also representing the Warden of Wishopsgate Ward). Brigadier Sob Account (Deputy Chie Ind. The Queen's Regimend, Lisu-ianun-Colonel Caristopher Argent Commanding Officer, Sh (V) Beraliou, The Queen's Regimend, Lieutenand-Cutental U R B Alexander (The Earths Said Mrs Alexander, Lieutenand-Colonel John White furnice, The Buffy Museum, also representing The Queen's Regizent Officers' Chibi, Captain addinated Smith Time Queen's Own Earlis Resimentin, Association), Mr John Bull and Mus Charles Rewit. (Old Paytony) Association), Colonel P B Reger (upresenting the chairment, Starfal, MajorGeneral, O L Payte (Cantral London, Staffal, Mr Reginald Spink and Mr L Mitchel (Angio-Danish Society), Miss Mentalys Lawis (The Duke of Ectoburgh's award Scheme), Mr D is Piper (United Westminner Schools Foundstion). Not Strian Toye (representing the Order of St John), for Rilly Dove Caniss Poundation), Mr Michael Tibles (Royal College of Physicians), Dr Marcia Wilkfreson (City of London Migratine Wilkfreson (City of London Migratine Wilkfreson (City of London Migratine Choich, Mr W M Daniel prepresenting the governors, St John's College, Southseay with Brother Daniels and old boys of the college and Brother of an Order of St John's Sopties of its Strike Rear-Admiral Edward Rule, Mr Richard Migg. Mr Newman, Me Michael Mr Michael Hunter, David Mr Newman, Mr New L. E. M. Claston, Lieutenant-Colonel & John Strote Foliand, Colone Capitalla, L. E. Edblins, Mr Michael, Group Capitalla, L. E. Edblins, Mr John Troker, Colonel & Toomby Tucker, Prebendary Alan Tanger and Mrs Peter Grootsinus.

Mr William Rees-Davies. QC The Speaker read the lesson at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr William Rees-Davies, QC, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Canon Donald Gray officiated and the Rev Roger Holloway led prayers. Miss Oonagh Rees-Davies, daughter, read the Prayer of St Francis, and the Rev Raymond Houldsworth, vicus of Minster and Monidon, read from John Bunyan's Pilestin's Progress Mr. Longthan grim's Progress. Mr Jonathan Altken, MP, gave an address. Mr Edward Heath, MP, and the Attorney-general attended. The Greek Ambassador was represented by M Alexandros Railis. Among others present

WEXC

Hon Robert Boscowen. MP, the Hon Bir Clive Bosson, Sir Dallas and Lady Remart. Sir Toby Clarke. Sir Malcolm Guthris. Str Nicholas Bonsier. MP, Sir Francis and Lady Head, Sir Anthony Mcyer. MP, and Lady Head, Sir Anthony Mcyer. MP, and Lady Head, Sir Anthony Sir Gifford Bosition (Clerk of the House of Commond.) Sir Michael Shaw. MP. Sir John Langford-Roit. Sir Victor Goodhew. Sir Michael Neuber. MP. Sir David Price. MP and Lady Price. Sir Brega. Beed, MP. Sir Trenor Ernel. Sir Figure Seed, MP. Sir Trenor Ernel. Sir Brega. Beed, MP. Sir Trenor Ernel. Sir Brega. Beed, MP. Sir Trenor Ernel. Sir Brega. Beed, MP. Sir Trenor Ernel. Sir Goodhen. MP. Mr. Mr Judian and Lady Caroline Palse.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr K.I. Bull and Miss LA. Batchelor

The engagement is announced between Kevin, only son of Mr and Mrs R. Ball, of Yeovil, and Lucinda Ann. younger daughter of Professor and Mrs Richard Batchelor, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Tadworth, Surrey.

Mr T.B. Bradbury and Miss CJ. Slack

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Professor and Mrs Michael Bradbury, of London, NW11. and Clare, younger daughter of Sir William and Lady Slack, of Hampstead, London.

Mr P.C.E. Bullock

and Miss C.E.G. Kent The engagement is announced between Peter Charles Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs 1.M. Bullock, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine Elizabeth Georgina, only daughter of the late Mr D. Kent, and of Mrs Catherine Kent, of East Hendred, Oxfordshire.

Mr L.I.P. Carnsinger and Miss M.A. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Pontus, only son of Mr Lars Carminger and the late Mrs Yvonne Carminger, of Stock-holm, Sweden, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sandy Goodman, of Offham House,

Mr J.A. Creves

and Miss S.E. Crahen The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Lord and Lady Carver, of Hampshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Sandy Graham, of Kirkcaldy, Fife,

Mr C.H. Cullius

The engagement is announced between Christopher Henry, son of the lane Mr Henry Michael Collins, OBE, and the late Mrs Collins and Claire Justine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham

Mr A.C.J. Cremell and Miss M.C. Green

The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of the late Sir Michael Creswell and of Lady Creswell, of Bwhurst, Surrey, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Green, of By, Cambridge

Mr D.A. Dick and Miss V.M. Jarrett

The engagement is announced between David Alexander, eldest son of the late James Dick and of Mrs Agnes Dick, of Strathclyde, and Vanessa Mclanie, daughter of Mrs Stephine Jarrett, of

Mr P.C.E. Paraphar and Miss V.S. Collins The engagement is announced between Peter Christopher Edward, elder son of Mr Edward Farquhar, of Twickenham, Middleges, and Mrs Peter Theliusson, of Alstonfield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and Victoria Susannah, elder daughter of Brigadler and Mrs Collins, of Three The Maultway, Camberley, Surrey.

Mr J.R.S. Field and Miss J.M.J. Wallington The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Sheelagh Field and the late Mr David Field, of Elmley Castle, Worcestershire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bryan Wallington, of Wareham, Donset.

Mr J.G. Flevell Smith

and Miss K.F. Passes
The engagement is announced between John Grant Flavell Smith and Kareen Fleming

and Miss H.L. Taylor The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs, of Choldenon, Wiltshire, and Mrs Roger Townsend, of South-

ampton. Hampshire, and Hicky,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward

Taylor, of Beaulieu, Hampshire. Mr R.N. Green and Miss A.K. Peel Yates

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. Green, of Bristol, and Katrine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.M. Peel Yates, of Gosport.

Mr D.P. Kerbes

and Miss B.J. Hughes The engagement is announced between Daniel youngest son of Mrs B. Kerbes and the late Mr O. Kerbes, of Bristol, and Bettina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John R. Hughes, of Didoot, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.A. Long and Miss S.A. Roberts Mr and Mrs Michael Roberts, of Ranstead, Surrey, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their eldest daughter, Sarah

Alison, to Peter Alun, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Charles Long, of Cardiff, Glamorgan. The engagement is announced between Edmund, son of Mr Dermot and the late Dr Constance O'Reilly Hyland, of Glenealy, Co Wicklow, Eire, and

Susanna, daughter of Mrs Margaret and the late Gerald Adams, of Wimbledon, London Mr A.J.M. Pugh

and Miss M.G. Deeny Mr and Mts Michael Deeny, of Geneva, Switzerland, are plea to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter Michelle, to Andrew, eldest son of the late Dr and Mrs James Mostyn-Pugh,

Mr J.C. Richardson

and Miss R.J. Segrave
The marriage will take place in
Chichester on March 25, between
John Clifford, only son of Mrs
Loma Richardson, of Greenford,
Middlesex, and the late Cliff
Richardson, and Robese Jame,
number daughter of Mr. A.J. younger daughter of Mr AJ. Segrave, of West Marden, West Sussex, and Mrs E. Segrave, of Malaga, Spain,

Mr N.P.J. Sharo and Miss S.H. Darvill

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sharp, of Chelmsford, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Darvill, also of Chelmsford.

Mr N.P. Shimeon

med MEs D.A. Willdens
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Peter, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Simpson, of Woodsford, Dorset, and Deborah Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilkins, of Sevenosks, Kent.

Mr D.A.D. Stewart and Miss F.P. Deegar

The engagement is autounced between Duncan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Stewart, of Militon Reynes, Buckinghamshire, and Frances, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Deegan, of Dublin, Eire.

Marriage

Mr N.J.G. Crostirwalto and Mrs L.M. Baxendale
A service of blessing was held yesterday at St Mary's, Battersea, after the marriage of Mr Nicolas James Goland Crostinwaite and Mrs Lucinda Margaret Baxendale. The Rev John Clarke and Father Antony Cashman officiand.

LEGAL NOTICES

The Intolvency Act 1986 In the St Albane County Court No 31 of 1991 In Bankruptcy Norman Michael Freed of Flat S Fithroad House. 20 Fithroad Avenue, Northwood. It is beginned to consent the county of the county of the county of the county for County Acc. 30 Eastbourne Terrace. London W2 SLF Sive police that I was appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above named on 3th January 1992 fail wing the restanttion of the county of the county for the county

Hear, Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord our one God and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your sensith. Deuteronomy 6: 4 (RES) BIRTHS

BANKS - On March 2nd. to Claire inte Cooker and Andrew, a son. Nors. a brother to Oliver. BUCKLAND - On February

Alexandra.

CHARLES - On March 2nd
1992, to Gill ince Breill and
Citic. a son. William
Frederick Bollon. a brother
to Christopher and Peter COBB - On February 17th, to Luciane and Michael, a son -Nicholas Hugh Paciello

HUMMERSTONE POPE - On JEBB - On March 4th. In Papua New Culnea, to Serena Ince Stanleys and Matthew, a third son. Theodore Philip

JERMAIN - On February 28th, to Amanda (nee Harris) and Andrew, a son. MACLEOD - On Wednesday March 4th. to Tina (nee O'Connor) and lan. a daughter. Calrions. a sister

MARMENT - On March 3rd. to Vanessa thee Walnob and Arthur. a daughter. Angharad Victoria Verriour NOLAN - On March 4th. to Vicky (née Martin) and Peter, a son, Robert Andrew and a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, at The John Radcilife Hospital, Oxford ORR - On March 3rd 1992, al Queen Charlotte's Hospital. London to Elizabeth and Murray Donahl, a brother for Official

PICK - On March 2nd, to Julia tnee Quiet and Andrew, a son. Thomas Piers Andrew PINCHING - On March Isl. to Katherine (nee Sloper) and Anthony, a daughter, Lucy Wilhelmina Katherine TROMPETAS - On March 3rd 1992, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Joanna (nee Daly) and Alexander, a

VAUGHAN-FOWLER - On

WESTLEY - On March Srd. In Summit. New Jersey. Io Claudia Inte Rowe; and Peter, a son. Brepdan Barry Arthur.

DEATHS

AITKEN - On March 1st 1992, suddenly at home after a short time in hospital. Roy Andrew, aged 83 years, Much adored father of Mark, Paul and Julie and sadly missed by Famela Atken to whom his continued care was an inspiration. Funeral Service. The Church of Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, on Wednesdas, March 11th at 11 30 am Flowers welcomed if desired, Enquiries to Miller Bros & F.P. Butter Lid Funeral Directors 119 Bargates, Christchurch, tel. 102021 488439. APPLEBY - On March 4th

merearin Campaign

DODAL WHITHAM - On
March Sth. at Tenterden
House Sth. at Tenterden
at St Marv the Virgin, Great
Warley, Brentwood, Essex,
on Tuesday March 10th at
2 30 pm. Donattons, if
desired, to The Chest Heart
and Stroke Association of the
Brentells Funeral Directors,
to High Street Brentwood,
BRETT - On March 4th, at
Saltsbury Infirmary,
Margaret, most loving and
very much loved wife,
mother, grandmother and
grandmother, private
family cremation. Service of
Thanksqiving will be held at
St. Peter's Church,
Shaltesbury, at 11 am on
Friday March 27th No
finwers by request but dona
tions, if desired, to Saltsbury
Macrifillan Unit. Odstock
Hospital, Saltsbury, wits
COWAN - On March 3rd, at
Bembridge, 10W, Alan
Christopher Cowan GBE,
date KcS and Scottish Office.
Betoved husband, Lather and
grandfather Enquiries to

Beinved husband, (ather and grandfather Enquiries to (0983) 67104 one Dely) and Alexander. 2 (1983) 67104 NORRE - On March 3rd NORRE - On March 3rd Suddenly and peacefully at home, Joseph Arthur, aged 78 years Befoved husband of Alexander Cuy, a brother for Domink Office and Lorraine.

BURRIDGE - On Thursday March 5th 1992, peacefully. Derrick Hayes Shaw (Derry), aged 77 years. Darling husband of Edna (Edwina). husband of Edna (Edwina), beloved father of Cillian. Christopher and Mork and a loving grandfather and great-grandfather. The franceral service and committal will lake place on Tuesday March 10th at Margaret's Church, Ditching, Susex, at 2.30 pm. Faintly flowers only, donations please to Motor Neurone Disease Association. (Jo R.A. Brooks & Son, 35 Will-Milleld Road, Haywards Heath, West Susex, 141: 10444) 484391. AITKEN - On March 1st 1992.

DIMNIN - On Tuesday March 3rd. peacefully at home. Nell, much toved mother and grandmother. Memorial Service at St. James' Church. Yarmouth. On Tuesday March 10th at 2 pm fotlowed by lea at The Royal Solent Yechi Club. All welcome.

APPLEBY - On March 4th 1992. Herbert. peacefully at nome on his 82nd birthsday. Dearly loved husband of Mariorie (Jot, beloved (ather of Losiey and Bill and a loving father-in-law and sgrandialher. Funeral Service at \$1 John's Church. Rammoor. Shelffeld. on Thursday March 12th at 10 30 am. followed by cremaiton. Family flowers only please, donaliors in lieu if desired may be sent c/o John Health & Sons Shelffeld. for The Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign DODAM_WHITHAM - On March 5th. at Tenterden House N.H.. John Hayes, egged 72. formerly of Brentwood. Essex. on Tuesday March 10th at 2 30 pm. Donatiom, if desired, to The Cheyl Heart and Siroke Association c/o Bennerils Funeral Directors. 120 High Sireel. Brentwood. BRETT - On March 4th. at MARTLEY - On March 3rd

MARTLEY - On March 3rd 1992. Geoffrey, aged 85 years, dearly loved father of Sally and Antonia, Funeral Service Wednesday March 11th 1992 2 pm at Woking Crematorium. No flowers by request.

MENDRY - On March 3rd
1992 Peacefully at the Royal
Marsden, Sulfon, Doreen,
aged 71, widow of Alex,
much loved mother, motherin-law and grandmother.
Funeral Service at St Mary's
Paristh Church, Wimbledon
at 1 pm on Thursday March
12th followed by family cremation Family flowers only MARRIOTT - Oh Wednesday March 4th 1992, peacefully at Colesbach, Rowland Arthur Marrioti, aged 92, Funeral at 11.30 am on Monday March 9th at Colesbach

MEYWOOD - On March 4th
1992, peacefully. Constance
Kalibleen, of Pinner. Beloved
wife and constant companion
of Frank Loving mother of
John and Peter. Funeral
Service at Breakspear
Crematorium. Russilp. On
Tuesday March 10th al 3 pm
(East Chapel) No Rowers
please but donations. If
desired. 10 the R.N.L.I or
R.S.P.B. c/o T.A. Elforment &
Son Ltd., 21 Bridge Street.
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HUNT - On March 4th. In

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HUNT - On March 4th. in
hospital. Rose E-etyn (nee
Howe) aged 87, widow of
Joseph William of Chiswick
W4. dearly loved mother of
David, grandmother and
great-grandmother Funeral
Service 3.30 pm Wednesday
March 11th at Mortlake Cremalorium. Family flowers
only: any donations to Help
the Aged to W.S. Bond.
Funeral Directors. 127 High
Road. Chiswick W4 2ED
081-994 02771.

MILWARD - On February

Mil.WARD - On February 26th, peacefully in her sleep, 5ybil Mary, widow of John Harry and much loved mother of Robin and John. Previously of Newdigate, Worplesdon and Eastbourne. NUTTING - On March 5th. after lengthy Illness, Lestie George W.D., late 12th Royal

Lancers, at his home in Walmarino, Raetini, NZ. Husband of Dorsen Jose. Donations may be made to National Heart Foundation or Cancer Research

DEATHS WAUCQUEZ - On March 4th,
1992. suddenly in Kraalnem
(Brussels). Sir Gabriel
Waucquez born in Lou. zin
on 13th December, 1949,
MEA Insend 1976, husband
of Mrs Gabriel Waucquez
(Dame Nathatio van
Wassenhove) fainer of Mr
Tanguy and Arthur
Waucquez and Miss Olivia
and Caroline Waucquez.
Funeral with be held in The
Church of Saint-Michel
College. Boulevard St Michel
in Brussels. Ellerbeek on
Monday March 9th, 1992 at
11am, Val du Prince 1. B1950 Kraalnem.
WILKINSON - On March

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WILKINSON - On March
20d, peacefully al Guy's
Nuffled House, Elleen Mary,
beloved sister and ann.
Service at St John's Church.
Ladbroke Crove, at 2.16 pm
on Tuesday March 10th.
Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
Guy's Scanner Appeal.

MEMORIAL SERVICES STURDY - A Service to celebrate the lives of Rohan and Margaret will be held at St Botolph's Church, Aspley Guise, at 2.30 pm on Sunday April 5th 1992.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Notice is also given that with effect from 6th April 1992 the operators of all vessels carrying fare-paying passengers wishing to use PLA piers for Scheduled Fixed Route Passenger Boat Services and Private Charter Services must hold a Contractual Licence for pier use and the vessels must have been inspected for compliance with the Boat Amenity Standards set out in Section 3 of the Piers & Moorings Schedule.

For further information, please contact: Piers and Moorings Manager, Port of London Authority, Europe House, World Trade Centre, London El 9AA.

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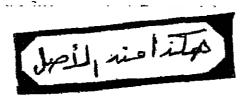
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PISTIC (b) Pertaining to faith or trust rather than reason, hence someone who accepts things simply on trust, from the Greek pistis faith: "The purely verbal systems so characteristic of pistic speculation."

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OBITUARIES **SANDY DENNIS**

Sandy Dennis, stage and screen actress who won an Academy Award for her role in the film of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf. died of cancer in Westport, Connecticut, on March aged 54. She was born in Hastings, Nebraska, on April 27, 1937.

AT HER peak during the Sixties, Sandy Dennis was a talent to be reckoned with. On stage or screen, her characters quivered with nerves, born either of intense vulnerability or some gnawing inner demon. No-one spoke quite like Sandy Dennis not even her fellow Method actors. A straight line reading seemed almost impossible: dialogue would be fragmented. sometimes to a maddening degree, with hesitations, statters, gulps and high-pitched chuckles.

Full lips, large eyes and prominent teeth made her looks equally distinctive; while her fiery temper kept colleagues on their toes. Richard Burton, who appeared with her in Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, once called Dennis "one of the most genuine eccentrics I know",

She was born Sandra Dale Dennis and grew up in Ne-braska, where her father was a clerk. She reached university, but soon gave it up in favour of a career in the thearre. Regional summer stock provided early experience. Moving to New York, she studied with Herbert Berghof, a charter member of the Actors' Studio.

She got small roles in plays by William Inge, a popular playwright especially in the Fifties, but she first caught attention in Face of the Hero (1960). Her gifts were soon recognised: she won a Tony Award for her role as a bemused social worker in Herb Gardner's hymn to nonconformity A Thousand Clowns (1962). Two years later, she won another as a millionaire's mistress in Muriel Resnik's sex farce Any Wednesday (1964). She was, though, passed over by Holly-wood when both plays transferred to the screen.

The wider world beyond Broadway first recognised Sandy Dennis as Honey, the trembling young wife of George Segal's college professor, thrown into the bear-pit with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in Mike Nichols's film of Edward Albee's Who's Afriad of Virginia Woolf? (1966). The barding Burtons gave her much competition as the hosts subjecting their latenight guests to an emotional exorcism. Dennis held her homes.

own and won the Oscar for the Best Supporting Actress. This was only her second film: she made her debut, alongside Warren Beatty, in Elia Kazan's Splendor in the

Grass (1961).
Cinema audiences might have supposed that it was Albee's material that made Dennis hyperactive. Not so: for her first starring role, in the entertaining Up the Down Staircase (1967), she played another vulnerable bundle of nerves — an inexperienced teacher thrust into a tough New York school: This brought her further awards.

Other films swiftly followed, including The Fox (1968), a sensitive D. H. Lawrence adaptation (1968), and That Cold Day in the Park (1969), a strange exercise in morbid psychology from the future director of M*A*S*H, Robert Altman.

But by 1970, her film career was already losing momentum and she spent most of the decade onstage. One Broadway play, Let Me Hear You Smile, ran for just a night: by contrast her role as Eva in Alan Ayckbourne's Absurd Person Singular kept her busy for three years.

Middle-age came sudden-ly. By the mid-1970s, she was fit for Tennessee Williams heroines: she played Blanche DuBois in A Streetcar Named Desire in Chicago. When she returned before the cameras in Alan Alda's comedy of mid-life crises, The Four Seasons (1981), she seemed sadly bedraggled; but she bounced back on Broadway, under Altman's direction, in Ed Graczyk's ruminative play about a James Dean fan club, Come Back to the 5 & Dime Jimmy Dead, Jimmy Dean (1981), filmed the following year.

The onset of cancer restricted Dennis's later film roles to cameos. Typically, she made each moment count. She appeared to hilarious effect in Bob Balaban's Parents (1989) as psychologist to a household of cannibals; while in Sean Penn's The Indian Runner, only last year, she movingly foreshadowed her own fate, playing a weary mother a short step away

from death. In 1975 Sandy Dennis married her longtime companion, the jazz musician Gerry Multigan; they sepa-rated the following year. Her name was linked with a number of other men and she was apt to speak in very direct terms about her private life. But in recent years she seemed happier with companionship of a quantity of cats and dogs who shared her



PARE LORENTZ

Pare Lorentz, critic and documentary film-maker, died on March 4 aged 86. He was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on December 11, 1905.

PARE Lorentz's autobiography, due to be published this autumn, bears the appropriare tide FDR's Moviemaker. For no American film-maker expressed the New Deal's spirit with the lyrical force he displayed in The Plow That Broke the Plains (1936) and The River (1937). The films analysed pressing agricultur-al issues with an urgent, poetic style that immediately attracted attention, despite attempts to thwart their release by an industry fearful of government-sponsored competition". Along with his third major film, The Fight for Life (1940), they remain cornerstones of American documentary, and kept Loremes name alive through the long years he spent working in obscurity.

Lorentz came to film-making through journalism. From 1927 he wrote punchy reviews for the humour mag-azine Judge and others, castigating Hollywood for its cowardice and love of artifice, but heaping praise on coura-geous talents like King Vidor, or European directors like René Clair. When his reviews were collected into Lorentz on Film (1975) he pointedly dedicated the volume to his edi-tors, "because more than once they risked their own security by refusing to allow their business offices to have me either censored or fired". Lorentz's family could trace

its roots to the American pioneers; a great-grandfather was one of West Virginia's earliest senters. After study-ing at Wesleyan College and the University of West Virginia, Lorentz went to New York, only to find unrewarding work on the Edison Mazda Lamp Sales Builder, a house magazine for General Elec-DOC

The poetry of the prairie: a scene from The Plow That Broke the Plains, 1936

It stimulated Lorentz's distaste for large organisations. Yet with Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal, Lorentz found a bureaucracy he could respond to. Appointed film adviser to the Resettlement Administration in 1935, he began researching The Plow That Broke the Plains in the Oldshome Dost Bowl. The production was fractious. Two of his photographers, Paul Strand and Leo Hurwitz, saw the film as a chance to flay capitalism alive; Lorentz urged a géntler, more positive approach. Then Hollywood's stock li-braries refused to lend footage, until King Vidor

The end result, still invigorating today, displayed a dixzying variety of styles. Statistics, symbolic montages and shots hovering on the edge of still photography were thrust together, along with a

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poetic, alliterative commentary. The cement came from Virgil Thomson's score, a collage of parodics and

The River had an epic sweep, belitting a celebration of the Mississippi. Lorentz's commentary reached an incantatory pitch, rolling out sonorous names and facts like a latter-day Walt Whitman; Thomson's music kept pace, blending folk tunes with original material. Lorentz, who studied music in his youth, sometimes thought of the illm as his "opera". Its success led Lorentz to the US Film Service, established in 1938 to co-ordinate governmentsponsored films. Lorentz himself made only one: The Fight for Life, a sobering investigation into childbirth among the poor. For the first time, Lorentz used professional actors, possibly with an eye to future Hollywood employ-

last major achievement. In that year Congress withdrew the Film Service funding. With the onset of war, Lorentz withdrew from social topics into air force training films. Then in 1946 he became entangled in the War Department's re-education programme for occupied territories, but resigned, disilhistoned, the following year. Thereafter he disappeared from view, keeping busy with his consultancy company, established in New York to aid commercial and industrial

ment. In the event it was his

His other books included Censored: The Private Life of the Movies (1930), co-written with Morris Ernst, and The Roosevelt Year: 1933, a photographic collection gathered initially as material for a film. Lorentz was married to the stage actress Sally Bates.

ROBERT BEATTY

Robert Beatty, actor, died in London on March 3 aged 82. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario on October 19, 1909.

IN THE immediate post-war years Robert Beatty's Canadian accent and his good looks we craggy good looks were emmenuy man-ketable features and for a time he was one of Britain's most familiar actors in: films, television, radio and the theatre. In the 1950s, before the acting profession became quite the global village it is today, he was much in demand in Britain for his ability to portray Americans. Indeed in addition to transatlantic roles, his dark-brown voice enabled him to tackle Scottish. Irish and colonial parts with ease. He also exuded considerable charm and his tough but sentle features would crinkle up into what was once described as "an audible smile."

Although he probably failed to realised his full potential and never quite managed to translate these attributes into mega-stardom he had a worthy career. He made his greatest impact as Detec-tive Inspector Don Maguire, a Canadian Mountie attached to Scotland Yard in a short-lived television series, Dial 999, and capped this, unexpectedly at the age 78, by a masterly portrayal of Ronald Reagan, capturing precisely the mannerisms and gestures of the American can president in a television "docu-

drama" Breakthrough at Reykjavik. Robert Beatty was the son of a clothing manufacturer who was descended from the Dr Beatty who was a surgeon on the Victory when Nelson was mortally wounded at Trafalgar. His grandfather was an Irish farmer who emigrated to Canada. Beatty acquired a BA at the University of Toronto. His first job was as a cashier at a petrol-filling station in Hamilton but after joining a local amateur dramatic society he decided to train for the professional stage. At 28 he was a late starter but in 1937, on the advice of an aunt, he came to England and enrolled at RADA. After seeing fellow Canadian Raymond Massey in *Idiot's* Delight at London's Apollo Theatre he went back-stage and asked for a walk on



part. He was taken on as understudy, given a small part and launched on a London stage career.

Having failed to pass an Army medical. Beatty joined the BBC as a newsreader for transmissions to North America and appeared in various war-time stage productions including The Petrified Forest at the Globe Theatre and A Soldier for Christmas at Wyndhams. In 1945 he appeared in three well-known plays: as Mark McPherson in Laura at the St Martin's, Bruce Lovell in Love From A Stranger at the Gateway and as Major Joppolo in A Bell for Adano at the Phoenix. In 1957 he took over the lead in The Happiest Million-aire at the Cambridge Theatre from Wilfrid Hyde White and three years later took over the lead from Sir Michael

Redgrave in The Aspern Papers. Beatty began appearing in films in 1938 and had his first big success playing an heroic captain who brought his crippled tanker back to port in San Demetrio London. Three years later he had a starring part in Appointment With Crime and in 1946 made an impressive appearance with James Mason in Carol Reed's Odd Man Out.

In the 1950s he was at his busiest. His films included Captain Horatio Hornblower RN, The Square Ring, Albert RN, The Gentle Gunman, Tarzan and the Lost Safari and Something of ine. In addition to film and st roles, he played Philip O'Dell, an Irish private investigator, in a long-running BBC radio series and appeared as "the man with the mike" interviewing people "out and about in London" for the television series Saturday Night Out. He also appeared, strikingly, in a hair-cream advertisement and provided the distinctive transatlantic tones for numerous "voice-over" commercials. In 1957-58 came his television series

Dial 999. In spite of its success it ran for only nine months and he was to claim later that it "killed him for ten years" as far as other television work was con-cerned. "As far as producers were concerned I was Maguire of the Mounties and that was that."

Certainly he worked less from then on but he turned in an effective portrayal of the first Lord Beaverbrook alongside Richard Burton's Churchill in Walk With Destiny for television and was featured in the films A Space Odyssey (1968) and Where Eagles Dare (1969). After appearing in Superman III (1983) came his most critically successful portrayal of President Reagan in Breakthrough at Reykjavik.

Robert Beatty was a genial, unassuming workeday actor with none of the selfimportance that affects some others of the craft. Asked, following his successful portrayal of President Reagan, whether it had engendered within him any statesman-like thoughts or desires, he replied simply: "I learned my lines and I deliv-

Robert Beatty was married four times: the first, a wartime marriage, lasted three months; the second to a BBC secretary, lasted 18 years; the third to Princess Obolensky lasted five years. His final marriage was in 1975. He was declared bankrupt in 1978. He leaves a son from his second marriage.

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European League for Economic Co-operation
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC. MP.
delivered the Brandon Rhys Williams Memorial Lecture to the European League for Economic Co-operation at the Inner Temple yesterday. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, chairman of the British section of the league, presided. Among those present

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NESTOR ALMENDROS

Nestor Almendros, the cinematographer who won an Academy Award for his

work on Days of Heaven in 1979 and, through his work, altered the general perception of the film camcraman, died of cancer in New York on March 4 aged 61. He was born in Spain in 1930.

THE role of the cinematographer has been justly described as a collaboration with the director in which the former inevitably takes the lesser credit. Certainly, in spite of the immense and justified respect in which Nestor Almendros was held by the directors he worked with. nothing in his own bearing ever suggested a desire to alter that relationship. In spite of achievements which revolutionised the use of light in film, liberating it from the floodlit glare of Hollywood usage and letting in the natural light of day, he kept his art in proportion. When once asked: "What

does a director of photography do?" he replied "Every-thing" — an everything he went on to define as embracing mood, movement of ac-tors, framing of shots, and camera positioning. But he placed himself unreservedly at the service of the directors he worked with. He perfectly expressed what he saw as the parameters of his responsi-bility in his autobiography A Man With A Camera, which appeared in 1985. There he states that the cinematographer must "always intervene when the director's technical knowledge does not allow him to express his artistic desires in material and technical terms". It was his adherence to this credo which won him the permanent respect of directors as dissimilar as François Truffaut and Terrence Malick

Nestor Almendros was born and grew up in a Spain overshadowed by civil war. As a young man he joined his loyalist father in exile in Cuba. There he plunged en-thusiastically into film making in an atmosphere which seemed to promise something at the opposite pole, politically, from that offered by Franco's Spain, and, cinematically, from the inex-orable dictates of Hollywood. Thus it seemed until, when choosing the ten best films of the year for a Cuban national poll, Almendros had the te-merity to prefer The 400 Blows by Truffaut to the Russian entry, Ballad of a Soldier. His choice was the bolder because the Russian entry was the personal preference of Fidel Castro. The dictator was not best pleased.

Seeing no further future in a creative life which was so demonstrably subject to the whims of the party chief, Almendros left for France. For some years life was not easy for him; it was a long time before he could get a creative life enco

European debut, on the New Wave anthology film. Paris vu par, was uncredited as a result. But the work began coming. Truffaut recognised his qualities and Almendros shot a number of films for him, as he did for Eric Rohmer, For Barbet Schroeder he filmed Maitresse. which quickly became notorious for its hair-raising flagellation scenes. Even Almendros, whose vocation necessarily saw him at the heart of the action in filmmaking, was apt to wince for many a day in the recollection of that piece of work.

Among the films which, in the Seventies, brought him to more general attention were Bed and Board for Truffaut and My Night at Maude's and Claire's Knee for Rohmer. In 1979 he won his Oscar for cinematography on Terrence Malick's Days of Heaven, starring Richard Gere and Brook Adams. His nakedly realistic treatment of the endless vistas of wheatfields, where young immigrants seek a new life after leaving Chicago in the early years of the century, created a vividly realised atmosphere, more compenstated for the sometimes too-symbolic intentions of the script.

Almendros was also nominated for Oscars for Knamer vs Kramer and The Blue Lagoon and won a Cesar for his work on Truffaut's The Last Metro in 1981. Truffaut, who was aware that the results - brooding images - he aimed for owed so much to Aimendros's work, knew how to value such a man. "He teaches us that we can speak of light with words", he wrote in the introduction to A Man



With A Camera, as his acknowledgement of his debt Dustin Hoffman also paid his tribute to the man who had made the tensions of Kramer vs Kramer rivet the cinema audience in the way they did.

To the end Almendros retained an affection for black and white photography. He saw it, in the ultimate analysis, as offering greater psychological penetration than colour and he also felt: "It is almost impossible for a black and white film to be in bad taste, visually". Bad taste was a pitfall he spent his whole creative life encouraging di-

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During the hectic years in Turkey after the first world war that saw the rise of Mustapha Kemal, the ancient

sultanate of Turkey was abolished and the Sultan Mahmed VI went into calls His cousin, Abdulmecid, was Caliph for a short time, but in 1924 his position also was abolished and he left Turkey. dying in France in 1944.

THE CALIPH'S DEPARTURE. (From Our Own Correspondent.)

Constantinople, March 5.

The Caliph, with two of his wives, his son Prince Omar Farukh Effendi, and his little daughter, entered the Simn-Orient Express yesterday evening at Chatalia, where they had been kept waiting all day. and are now on their way to Berne. Further details of his Majesty's departure were communicated late last night to the Press. When the decision of the Grand National Assembly was announced to him by the Vali of Constantinople, the Caliph listened patiently, and then, after a moment's reflection. replied. "As you are working for the good of the country may Allah grant you his aid."

The Caliph asked for a delay of two days in order that he might make his preparations. but was informed he must leave before daybreak. The Caliph then asked leave to take certain members of his family with him, and this request was granted Accordingly, his wives, his son, and his daughter were warned to pack up immediately. The Caliph in expectation of his fate, had already prepared a list of personal effects, and thus the work of packing into a waiting fleet of lornes was facilitated. At 5 o'clock all was ready. The Caliph, his son, and his daugh-ter took their places in the first motor-car, the wives with their

attendants in the second, and the third car was occupied by the Chief of Police. Behind came a stream of lorries and other cars and motor-cycles carrying various members of the police.

Great care had been taken to ensure the secrecy of the proceedings. Immediately the Assembly's decision became known all communication with telephones were disconnected. and the whole district between the Dolma Baghche and Beshiktash was put under the close surveillance of police and soldiers of the 3rd Army Corps. All the inhabitants of the Palace were kept under close observation, and the staff of the Palace was forced to remain for a full hour after the departure of the Caliph before being allowed to leave.

After an uneventful journey

Chatalja was reached at 11 o'clock in the morning, and the Caliph spent the whole day in the waiting room of the station. He spoke to nobody except the Chief of Police, whose duty it was to escort him to the frontier. When, towards mid-night, the Simplon-Orient Express arrived with a special reserved coach the Caliph immediately entered the train. saying a few kind words to the officials. The Caliph was very much moved, and several of those present burst into tears. In the train his Majesty

found the necessary passports and also a sum of £1,700, which was given him as an advance. The costs of the journey have been paid by the Government, but the Caliph is otherwise without ready money or means except for a number of jewels, which, however, are only valued at about £7.50,000 (£5.950). It is reported that the Caliph, at the moment of quitting the country, sent a valedictory telegram to the President of the Republic (who used formerly to be his A.D.C.) saying that he had always done

his best for Turkey. The Princes of the House of Othman will be compelled to leave Turkey in two days and the Princesses in a week.

Birthdays today

Dr M.G. Adam, astrophysicist. 80; Miss Jean Boht, actress, 56; Mr William Davis, author, broadcaster and chairman. British Tourist Authority, 59; Professor Sir Charles Frank, physicist, 81; Sir Alistair Grant, chairman and chief executive Argyll Group, 55: Professor Sir Raymond Hoffen-berg, president, Wolfson College. Oxford, 69; Mr Frankie Howerd, actor and comedian, 70; Mr Lorin Maazel, conductor, 62; Sir Hal Miller, MP, 63; Mme Valentina Nikolayeva-Teresh-

kova, first woman in space, 55; Mr Richard Noble, world land speed record holder, 46; Dr J.H.P. Pafford, librarian, 92; Sir Ian Dixon Scott, diplomat, 83; the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, 63; Sir Peter Stallard, former colonial administrator, 77: Professor Marilyn Strathern, social anthropologist. 51: Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, opera singer, 48: Mr D.H. Whitaker, publisher, 61; Mrs Ann Winterton, MP, 51; Sir Oliver

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Michelangelo, Cap-rese, Italy, 1475; Sir Charles Napier, admiral, Falkirk, 1786: Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Durham, 1806; George du Maurier, caricaturist and novelist, Paris,

DEATHS: Francis Beaumont. dramatist, London, 1616; Davy Crockett, frontiersman, killed in the battle of the Alamo, Texas. 1836; Louisa May Alcott, nov-elist, Boston, Massachusetts, 1888; Gottlieb Daimler, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, Cannstatt, Germany, 1900; John Redmond, Irish nationalist, John Reamond, Irish naturialist, London. 1918: John Philip Sousa, composer and band lead-er, Reading, Pennsylvania, 1932; Zoltán Kodály, composer, Buda-pest, 1967; Pearl Buck; novelist, Nobel laureate 1938, Danby, Vermont, 1971.

York in Upper Canada was incorporated as the city of Toronto.

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Clergy appointments The Rev Prebendary Richard Frith, Team Rector of the Keynsham Team Ministry and Prebendary of Combe XII is to be Archdeacon of Taunton and Prebendary of Milverton I, di-ocese of Bath and Wells. He will take up the appointment in September.

The Rev Canon Frances Briscoe, Area Dean of Seiton and Di-ocesan Director of Reader Training: to be also Minister in charge of St Stephen, Hightown

The Rev Patrick Crean, Rector, St James the Great, Cuper (Diocese of St Andrews): to be part-time Diocesan Children's Officer, Diocesan Children's Officer,
Priest in Charge of St Helen,
Sefton and Assistant to the Area
Dean at Highnown (Liverpool).
The Rev Christopher Greenwell,
Rector, Bolton-by-Bowland w
Grindleton (Bradford): to be
Vicar of Hoyland St Andrew
(Sheffield).

(Sheffield). The Rev John Halkes, non-stipen-The Rev Keith Mitchell, Acting Chaplain, Royal Cornwall Hos-pital (Treliske): to be Priest-in-Charge, St Day (Truro). The Rev Paul Reece, Curate, diary Assistant Curate, St Buryan, St Levan & Sennen: to be nonstipendiary Priest-in-Charge, Lanteglos by Fowey (Truro).

The Rev Jack Harris, Priest in Charge, Christ Church Don-caster; to be Vicar, Christ Church (Sheffield). Hathern, Long Whatton and Diseworth w Belton and Osgathorpe to be also Rural The Rev Peter Humpleby, Rector,

Aldingham, Dendron and Rampade (Cartisle): to be Vicar, Dodworth (Wakefield). The Rev Peter Ingram, Team Vicar in the Great Snaith Team

Church news

Ministry: to be Rector, Adwick-le-Street (St Laurence) (Sheffield). The Rev Michael Ipgrave, Chap-lain for Relations with People of Other Faiths: to be also part-time Research Assistant and occa-sional Chaplain to the Bishop of Leicester (Leicester).
The Rev Jan McIntosh, Curate St

(London). The Rev Jonathan Milton-Thompson, Assistant Curate, Bispham All Hallows (Black-burn): to be Curate of Darfield (in charge of Great Houghton) (Shelfield).

Anselm's, Belmont; to be Curate, Welst. St John the Baptist, Pinner The Rev Peter Wilson, Team Vicar, Christ Church, Brownsover in the Rugby Team, Ministry (Coventry): to be Diocesan Officer for Stewardship (Cartisle). Resignation

The Rev John Atkin, Rector, Exford w Exmoor w Hawkridge and Withypool and Rural Dean of Exmoor (Bath and Wells): to resign as Rural Dean of Exmoor from 31 July.

Potters Bar (St Albans); to be

Rector, St Lawrence, Little

The Rev Stuart Samuel, Rector,

Dean of Akeley East Deanery

The Rev Kevin Thompson, Assis-

tant Curate, Brinsworth St An-

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Vicar, St John's, Kimberworth

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Park, Rotherham (Sheffield).

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Sir Michael Weston to be leader of the UK delegation to the Conference on Disarmament at

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FORD retained its 15-year leadership of the British car market by a whisker last month after a last-minute surge in the number of cars registered by its dealers.

Vauxhall sold 21,583 cars during February, only 149 fewer than Ford, for a 19.73 per cent share of sales, against Ford's 19.86 per cent. "Vauxhall was leading right until the last few days of February, when additional Ford sales put them ahead on

The outcome was a surprise to many within the car industry, who had expected Vaux-hall to take the lead because of the success of its new models in the most difficult market Britain's carmakers have seen for many years.

Vauxhali's resurgence is nonetheless a remarkable achievement. Only a year ago. Ford was clear market leader, with a 25.08 per cent market share against Vauxhall's 17.43 per cent. Rover was challenging for second place with 16.29 per cent of the market.

Since then, Ford of Britain has slumped into losses and ian McAllister, the compa-ny's chairman, has ordered his executives to concentrate

on making a profit rather than defending market share. The same policy has been pursued even more aggressively at Rover. The British Aerospace subsidiary saw sales during February decline to 15.898 cars, a 14.53 per cent market share.

Britain's most popular car during February was the Vauxhall Cavalier, which accounted for more than one in every 12 sold. Second place went to the Ford Escort, which was followed by the Vauxhall Astra, the Ford Sierra and the Rover 200.

Total February sales, at 109,414, were down 12 per cent on the same month last year. The February total was

Imported cars accounted for 54 per cent of the total during February, compared with 51.58 per cent during the same month a year ago. Many would-be buyers are believed to be holding back in the hope that Norman

abolish car tax in his budget on Tuesday. The industry has pleaded loudly for measures



Environmentally secure: ecology has come to the rescue of about 50 geckos and other lizards apprehended by Customs and Excise as illegal immigrants. Instead of being destroyed, they were handed over yesterday to the Royal Botanic Gardens. Kew, where they have been enlisted to help keep the local cockroach population under control (John Young writes). The reptiles belong to three species, Acanthosaura Armota, a native of the southeast Asian rain forests; and Tarentola Mauritanica and Tropidcalotes, from North Africa and the Mediterranean. They are med to have been destined for pet shops, although their import has to be licensed. Greg Redwood, Kew's special projects officer, said

yesterday that the use of pesticides in glasshouses open to the public had been largely discontinued. But suitable predators for cockroaches had remained a problem; the lizards, nocturnal creatures like the cockroaches, could be the ideal answer.

Australians beaten by brilliance of Botham

field." How did he explain his

return to batting form? "I managed to get the strike this

time. Goochie [England's captain, Graham Gooch] is a

How does be always rise to

the big occasion? "You have

to save it up when you get into

my physical condition. There is not much left in the tank. But Micky Stewart [England's manager] has been looking after me at net session.

sions. I do a warm-up stroll

and then the physic, Laurie

More seriously, Botham in-

sisted: "This is a good Eng-land team which works as a

team. And they don't even talk about losing." Which, of

course, is just as well for

Botham. He has put his mon-

ey on England to win the World Cup at the generous

Viv Richards, page 30

England's victory, page 32

odds of eight-to-one.

Brown, patches me up."

very good counter."

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picture of bewilderment. "If I could explain it, I would fix it," he snapped at an unwel-come question. "England have taken a leaf out of our book, with more thorough preparation... but the way we are playing at the mo-ment, you wouldn't know it." To cop it from the poms will

be more than some fair-dinkum Aussies can bear. Border seemed anxious not to dwell on the subject of Botham, but it mattered not. Just down the corridor, the great man was holding court himself, selecting a bottle of chardonnay from the team's celebration ice bucket before launching into the sort of patter he has doubtless polished during his stint on the pantomime boards in Bournemouth at

How did he take his wickets? "A.B. [Border] was unlucky - he got a good ball.

Payers rebel on poll tax surcharges

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have no effect on their vote. Asked who they blamed for high poll-tax bills, 63 per cent said the government and only 22 per cent named local au-thorities. More than half recognised that non-payment harmed local services.

In spite of the unpopularity of the community charge, only a fifth wanted to see the complete abolition of local texation. More than half bevoured the council tax, the government's planned re-placement for the poll tax.

A similar proportion sup-ported Labour's fair rates proposals, suggesting that the two taxes are almost indistinguishable in the public mind. Only a third supported local income tax.

Poli leak, page 2 amounted to an "orchestrated billion givenway, page 7 ed genocide". Even moder-

Mushroom clouds are blamed for deaths

hn 04

Continued from page 1 men also committed suicide.

Since then a whole flock near the border of the site has died and orchards and vineyards have become barren," Mr Akybyelyv said. Nearly 50,000 Kazakhs live in a radius of 96 miles of

Sari Ozek but the govern-ment of President Nazerbayev has refused public appeals to investigate the problem which has been aired in the local press. Police have broken up meetings to collect signatures for a peti-tion and have arrested Mr Akybyelyv four times in the past 18 months. When he went on a hunger strike in 1991 the police accused him of being insane and he was taken before a medical panel

believe Moscow's treatment of Karakhstan has in the past

stes believe that Moscow rockets, biological and chemical weapons because it could ignore the well-being of the Kazakh minority with impu-nity. They could have chosen a real desert to test their weapons. It was done on purpose," the Kazakh poet Sule imynov, who leads the "Semipalantinsk-Nevada

movement", says.

President Nazerbayev has
taken a tough stand against
the small nationalist parties which he says exploit the is-sue. The leaders of one party, Alash, were arrested last December after a fraces at a mosque in Alma Ata. The party is pro-Islamic and would like to see the Russians, 40 per cent of the population, and particularly the Soviet are to go on trial on March 16 on charges of insulting the honour and dignity of the

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Political sketch

Feathers, and babies, fly

A Tory minister yester-day told the Commons that if Labour were elected there would be no food.

JULIAN HERBER

After this shock MPs were involved in another exchange of flying bodies. They pretended to discuss health. More dead babies and cancer victims were hurled across the floor in a macabre fusilade. In a familiar ritual. Neil Kinnock quoted a doctor and John Major quoted another

That makes two. There are about 25,000 doctors in this country. Is there time for the remaining 24,998 to express a view? Mr Major's doctor seems to argue that fewer patients are dying than used to. Mr Kinnock's doctor argues that if more money were spent on health, even fewer would die. These views are not in-

consistent, but I hate to spoil a good scrap.
But can I urge anyone unbucky enough to fall sick next week, to think very hard before dying? You may become a Commons issue, your demise worth half a roint in the pointing rolls. point in the opinion polls. Perhaps critical cases could complete a form, specifying which party they would prefer to use their corpse.

Anyway, we may soon all starve. That's what agriculture minister John Gummer was trying to say when, to knotted brows, he told MPs that Labour would "spend money they haven't got and won't get and spend it three times on people at the property of the spend in the people who will receive no benefit". This was rather Jesuitical and justified Mr Gummer's reputation as an intellect.

Junior minister David Macican was more straightforward. The longer things went on, he said, "the more convinced I become that if the Opposition win the election we would have no food to cat". The news startled even his own side. It is not easy to turn agriculture questions into an election battleground, but MPs on both sides ruse mmely to the challenge yes-terday. Question 1, from Si-mon Burns (C, Chelmsford), about animal welfare, praised a Tory crusade to rescue the ponies of Europe

from being eaten.

A Tory victory, we sensed, would be greeted by a whinny of relief, from Calais to Corsica. Replying, Mr Gummer threw in pigs, too. No one had done more for pig "stalls and tethers" than the Conservatives. Down on old Maclean's

was joined by an oink, oink, there, from blue boars and

Tory sows. Here a cluck, there a cluck, too, it seemed. The minister spluttered that "coloured lenses for chickens" were an "outrageous" idea. To Michael Lord (C. Suffolk Central). who feared EC regulations with
"a crippling effect on Sovereign Chicken", old Maclean
suggested that, under the Conservatives, British chickens deserved "a level playing field".
"Everywhere a cluck.

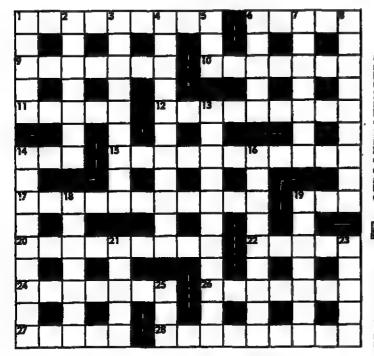
cluck," we thought, as the image of crippled Sovereign chickens in coloured lenses playing on old Maclean's level field flashed through our minds. And on that farm he had a turkey. "Knowing my hon friend's concern for birds" said Billericay's Teresa Gorman (a famous supporter of the Essex chicken)
"will he deal with the latest scare in our bootiful turkey industry?" This concerned an unpronounceable alan unpronounceable al-leged disease of turkeys, which Mrs Gorman de-nounced as "a load of gob-bledegook". Oh dear. A gobble, gobble, here, it seems, down on old Maclean's farm.

And a moo, moo there. Ian Taylor (C, Esher) leapt to his feet: "I have a very large number of cows munching in the green pastures of my own constituency," he told the House. The rest was inaudible, but we gathered that if the minis-ter would sort out the milk ter would sort out the milk marketing scheme, Esher cows would moo in the Tory canse. This, apparently, de-spite what minister David Curry called a "great new EC machine, spitting out red tape all over the coun-tryside". Let us hope the crippled chickens do not trin on it. The tethered pies trip on it. The tethered pigs are presumably safe in their stalls and the ponies can take care of themselves.

But where do the pota-toes fit in? From Labour's Harry Cohen, came an anguished cry from the potato-eaters of Leyton. The "production of early pota-toes" had fallen, he com-plained. A majority of only 4,641 was bringing out the agrarian streak in Mr Co-hen's nature. There was not a wide enough diversity of potatoes". Is this issue big on the streets of Ley-ton? "And this government has had its chips". Be-aye ee-aye oh.

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,859



ACROSS

1 Cheap floor (5-4). 6 For a start, put in a cylinder backwards (5).

9 Shorten a spanner (7). 10 Fibre mostly found in the plant

11 Boy meets a girl on the heath (5). 12 The Lorelei, for instance — one working for a while with her hair

14 Campaign against the burning of leaf or tree (3)
15 Writers remembered here with

17 Old kinswoman makes a splendid fairy queen (11). 19 One period of the game produces a goal (3). 20 Incense Church wafted about in

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22 Acclaim anecdote about catching cold (5).

24 "Wrong", I will say to a pupil (7). 26 Headlines follow outside broad-

27 Happening still, but at the end and woman join (4-5).

1 Honour - artiess, heartless honour (5).

2 It's terrifying; turning up, therefore, is hard (7). 3 Went to bed without rising and became a classic (9).

Delightful with record high jump (4.3.4). 5 Fish — one that's caught (3). 6 Tenor takes a break after high

7 Harsh name for a bird (7). 8 Laid up during walk? Yes (9). 13 Frenchman - he's vicious, corrupt and malicious (11).

14 South American silver (9). 16 Distraught lovers use us (9). 18 Crack Jack up for free (7). 19 Grow more strange in general

(7). 21 Pig's home acquired (5). 23 Shout "Doctor!" (5). 25 it's not unknown for female to become male (3).

Concise Crossword, page 9
Life & Times section

A daily safari through the puage jungle. Which definitio are correct? dry with bright or sunny intervals but more general rain will reach northern counties towards midnight. Many parts will be windy By Philip Howard and over western Scotland and northern England winds will reach gale force. Outlook cloudy over England and Wales, brighter weather spreading into Scotland and Northern Ireland. GRAYMALKIN

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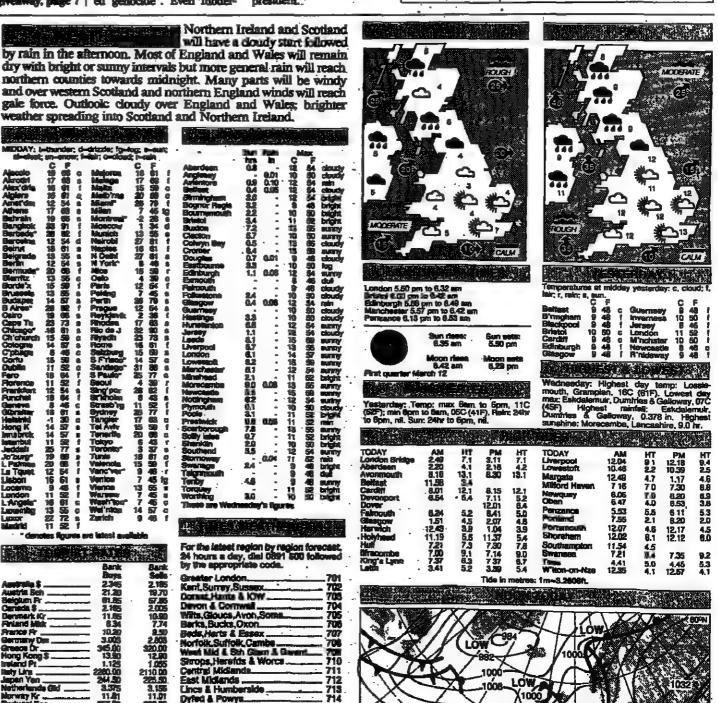
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



SLIPPED DISCS



The world's last sizeable independent record company, home to stars such as Paula Abdul, could soon have a new owner in Thorn EMI, bidder for Virgin Music Page 21

LADBROKE DOWN

Ladbroke, Cyril Stein's property, hotels and betting combine, saw pre tax profits tumble 29 per cent in 1991 Page 19

LOOKING UP



Germany's jobless total fell nationwide last month, providing further good news for the country's economy Page 22

GAME AND MATCH

The MMC has found Bryant & May, Britain's biggest match marker, guilty of exploiting a nearmonopoly position Page 19

BOOKMARK



Pentos, owner of the Dilions bookshop chain, is claiming success in a campaign to blow a hole in the Net Book Agreement

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Corporation aims to reassure banks

Lloyd's acts to bolster its finances

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

THE Corporation of Lloyd's has moved to reassure its bankers about its financial position by passing a by-law enabling it to borrow from a central Lloyd's fund should it not be able to renew external funding arrangements.

Lloyd's admitted the cur-

rent wave of bad publicity "has not been helpful" in its relationships with its bankers. Alan Lord, the chief executive of Lloyd's, said that it was "sensible" to have the provisions in place "at a time when people are casting doubts over Lloyd's financial

The move was announced on a day when Downing Street moved to distance itself from reports that John Major had expressed concern about the furore over the losses at Lloyd's. A Downing Street source said that the prime minister "has no knowledge" of the concerns attributed to him. "They didn't come from him," the source said. Mr Major was reported to be worried that allegations about Lloyd's market prac-tices would damage the City's reputation and drive business

to Frankfurt. The by-law updates Lloyd's powers to borrow from the central premium trust fund to provide deposits in countries that require underwriting of insurance business by foreign insurers to be backed up by assets held locally. Since the

late Seventies, Lloyd's has funded these deposits by rolling over money market borrowings under a £340 million However, the latest wave of

publicity concerning the market has unnerved bankers already facing unprecedented levels of defaults on their lending. The by-law is de-signed to reassure bankers that Lloyd's has the funds to repay the borrowings, although Lloyd's intends to continue to fund itself through its money market

Mr Lord described the bylaw as "a mechanism to ensure that the money is produced to provide the deposits required so we can continue to trade in the countries concerned".

America and Canada, two of Lloyd's largest overseas markets, do not require deposits as Lloyd's already has long-standing trusts in place in these countries. Mr Lord pointed out that the measure would have been introduced anyway, regardless of the losses. "It has not been knocked up in the last few weeks," he said.

Yesterday also saw Lloyd's again attempting to rebut the current wave of claims about the so-called LMX excess of loss reinsurance market, where most of the largest losses have occurred. Some figures compiled by names suggest that outsiders were disproportionately exposed to

a handful of LMX syndicates that made huge losses be-tween 1988 and 1990. The LMX market offered high level reinsurance of catastrophic losses usually in excess of £1 billion, such as natural or man-made disasters

Lloyd's has set up an enquiry team headed by Sir David Walker, chairman of the Se-curities and Investments Board, to investigate the allegations and has this week produced reams of statistics in an attempt to refute the claims. The enquiry team

held its first meeting today. Lloyd's yesterday fired another salvo in the battle over the nature of the LMX market by producing a back-ground briefing document on the subject. The briefing document claims that the LMX market, by allowing syndicates to lay off some of their risks, has increased Lloyd's overall capacity and "made London a more attractive market for the insurance buyer, to everyone's benefit".

The document also points out that of the four biggest catastrophe losses to hit the LMX market, between 45 per cent and 69 per cent of the liability fell outside Lloyd's on the company market. Mr Lord said yesterday that the LMX market was "not an insiders' funny game but a crucial commercial feature of London as an insurance

Comment, page 21 since 1945.

War and peace reduce Rolls-Royce to £51m

INDUSTRIAL COMMENSIONDENT

THE Gulf war, the peace dividend and the global recession have combined to cut profitability at Rolls-Royce, the biggest sero-engine maker outside America, to less than a third the 1990 level. Pre-tax profits slumped to £51 million (£176 million) in the year to end-December. The profit was reached after a charge of £58 million, largely

to pay for 7,000 job curs. Lord Tombs, the chairman, blamed competitive pressure on engine selling prices and reduced demand for highly profitable spares. However, the business should show a "steady improvement", he said. Rolls is pegging the final dividend at 4.7p, giving an unchanged total of 7.25p. The £70 million cost is not covered by profits, but there was £52 million net cash at year end. Lord Tombs said: "We are not under pressure. We have a strong balance sheet, and we have lots of borrowing

facilities unused." Last year was the toughest faced by Rolls since its return to the private sector. Sales dipped 4 per cent to £3.52 billion. The end of the Cold war has sharply reduced pros-



Lord Tombs: no pressure

pects for military engine sales. Civil orders were also delayed and fewer spares

The recession also intensified competition for orders in the company's industrial power markets, which accounted for 42 per cent of sales. The industrial division, producing ship engines, power plants for oil pumping, and power station equipment, increased sales, but saw margins weaken.

Rolls' workforce was reduced to 58,000 and a further 3,000 job losses have already been announced for 1992. Lord Tombs indicated that some further job cuts were to be expected.

Spending on research and development fell to £216 million (£237 million). Lord Tombs said Rolls had passed the peak in its sero-engine development programme. and could now offer a full range of engines, unlike its two main American rivals, Pratt & Witney and General Electric. That is reflected in the growing order book at £6.6 billion, plus £750 million yet to be signed. The orders

are well spread across five engine "families." Rolls' share of the world civil aerongine market has risen from li per cent four years ago to In industrial power, Rolls is

heartened by its success in winning a contract to develop its RB211 aero-engine as a power plant for US Navv warships, a market dominated by General Electric.

The company also has plans to anack the lead established by GEC Alsthom, the Angio-French power engineering group, in the fastowing market for combined-cycle gas turbines for ower generation.

Lord Tombs said Rolls and the Swedish-Swiss group ABB Asea Brown Boveri. its partner, were developing products to match the advantage enjoyed by GEC Alsthom's large turbines.



Smallest bonus at JLewis in 34 years

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

JOHN Lewis Partnership, which includes Waitrose supermarkets, has declared the smallest bonus for its 34,000 worker-partners since 1958. The 9 per cent bonus is down from 12 per cent last year and comes as a result of a third consecutive year of profits decline, a situation the partnership has not experienced

Partners will share a bonus of £30.2 million after a 16 per cent fall in pre-tax profits; a pariner on average pay will receive a bonus of £955 compared with £1,180 last

Peter Lewis, chairman, said: "The partnership's pretax profits fell 16 per cent from £91.5 million to £77.3 million. With substantially less profit, no fewer partners and higher pay rates, a squeeze on the rate of partner-ship bonus was inevitable."

Group sales increased 6 per cent to £2.28 billion in the year ended in January. Trading profits fell 9 per cent to £100 million, which Mr Lewis described as "a pretty solid result" given the economic circumstances. Average borrowings increased to £226 million (£179 million) and the interest charge rose

to £22.8 million.
Mr Lewis said the only sensible approach to the curcontinuation of the existing unhelpful economic climate. The group uses forward orders for furniture as a yardstick for future growth and currently they are showing no

signs of recovery.

Although the bonus is 17 per cent lower than last year, taking bonus and pay together a partner on average pay received 5 per cent more in 1991-2 than the previous year taking total earnings up in line with inflation. But Mr Lewis said: "The partnership must do everything it can this year reasonably and sensibly to curtail its growth in expenses which very largely Comment page 21 means its increase in pay.

KLM says rift with BA is final

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT IN AMSTERDAM

KLM, the Dutch carrier, is seeking closer ties with Northwest, its American partner, and now regards British Airways as a predatory competitor.

Pieter Bouw, KLM president, said last night that merger talks with BA foundered last week because the British carrier was concerned only with the short-term interests of its shareholders. He dismissed suggestions that he might be prepared to reopen negotiations. "That will not happen, at least in the fore-seeable future," he said. "Now we must concentrate on other

ideas and other partners." KLM intends to forge closer links with Northwest, in which it has a 20 per cent

Ironically, the Dutch airline is to combine with BA in a new global reservations company, based on a computer in Denver, Colorado. This will be owned jointly by ten European and three North American airlines. BA will have a 14.7 per cent

stake and KLM one of 12.1 per cent in the new company, which is to be called Galileo International. A fresh round of air fare

wars will be fought this summer after a cut of up to 38 per cent in the cost of transatiantic travel by American Air-The lower prices will be available only for flights from America to Europe, at least initially. An American Air-

we had a dramatic rise in passengers when we did this after the end of the Gulf war." The airline says its fare from America's east coast to

London, Manchester and Glasgow will be \$448 between April and May, and in September, and \$548 between June and August. American had originally planned to charge an average \$729 for a return trip from the East Coast to Europe. Other big carriers are ex-

pected to cut fares in line with

Offshoot growing at M&S

MARKS and Spencer is taking on Interflora by launching a mail order service for flowers. Directors believe home-delivered bouquets could be a long-term winner, after the pilot scheme, which runs until the end of May, has shown encouraging results in its first three weeks.

M&S, of which Ian Bentley is merchandise manager of horticulture, sells about 4 million bunches of cut flowers a year and has had some bouquets in its stores. The group has mailed 500,000 of its 3 million charge-card customers with details of the service and there are leaflets in 20 stores.

The top-priced bouquet is £24.99 and the delivery charge is £3.50, with a guarantee of next-day delivery for

orders placed by midday.

The group will send flowers to any part of the country except the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. The supplier is located

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Steetley gets in net assets tangle

STEETLEY, the building materials concern, has slipped on a loose paving stone in its increasingly frantic attempts to avoid the £620 million hostile bid from Redland after being forced to admit that the company is worth £40 million less than the market had

The latest defence document contains news that the long-awaited net asset figure includes a downwards adjustment of £40 million following a reevaluation of certain mineral reserves in

The company in 1990 paid Fr850 million for Gobitta, a building aggregates business based north east of Paris. The 1990 accounts revalued the estimated 150 million tonnes of reserves acquired from a book value of £12.2 million to a "fair value" of £87.3 million, equivalent to the price paid and so obviating the need to take any write-

offs in respect of goodwill. Steetley says Gobitta's reserves are now estimated at only 94 million townes. The independent valuation of the whole group throws up a net asset per share figure of

Steetley says this figure includes no premium for gaining control of the company, while, if the value to Redland of the group's surplus advance corporation tax capacity is taken into account, the net asset figure would rise to 394p.

Steetley's shares dropped 5p to 377p on publication of the document. Redland's offer is now worth 386p a share. The admission is all the more embarrassing for Steetley because when rumours began to circulate around the City several weeks ago that Gobitta might be worth rather less than is suggested in the latest accounts, they were strenuously denied. The company had also denied it was in any dispute with the vendors of Gobitta. Steetley now says there is a £7 million legal dispute

relating to the exact acreage that was bought. Steetley continues to reject the bid and by 1994 is promising "exciting" prospects for its landfill operations and annual cost savings of £22 million from restructuring already taking place. But Richard Miles, the chief executive, admitted the revaluation was "very disappointing," adding: "We all make

mistakes. Gerald Corbett, the Redland finance director, was in triumphant mood. "To have to write off in the middle of a bid 12 per cent of your net assets and half the cost of the biggest deal you have ever done is almost without precedent."

Steetley has had a disastrous run in

its opposition to the Redland bid. A rival joint venture with a third company, Tarmac, was derailed by monopolies problems, while the bid itself received the qualified blessing of the regulatory authorities. Two weeks ago the company suffered the departure of its long standing broker, Cazenove.

Profits rise after restatement

Dillons book price squeeze helps Pentos

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

TERRY Maher, chairman of Pentos, the retail and office furniture group that owns the Dillons bookshop chain, has hailed his autumn promotion, designed to break the back of the net book agree-

Dillons sales rose 8 per cent in December, against a 1 per cent increase for booksellers as a whole.

Mr Maher, who is calling on other publishers to follow the lead given by Reed and publish popular titles outside of the net book agreement, said it was fear of a backlash from retailers opposed to the that had stopped other publishers from publishing non-

He added: "We know that last year, both Harper Collins and Random Century both said they were going to publish some titles outside the NBA and then later changed their minds."

When asked why other retailers, such as Waterstone's, which competed aggressively on price, had not experienced the same results, Mr Maher said those groups had not advertised their promotions effectively. "We advertised the promotion at Dillons but not at our other bookstores-

...where we ran the same. promotion. In Dillons, same shop sales were up 6.4 per cent in the final quarter and in the non-Dillons shops they were down 2 per cent."

Pentos group pre-tax prof-its rose 7 per cent to £15.2 million last year after 1990's results were restated to allow for a new accounting policy on reverse premiums. Stripping out the change in accounting policy, pre-tax profits were almost static.

Total sales rose 18 per cent to £215 million and earnings fell 2 per cent to 9.1p a share. The final dividend is 2.05p, making 2.75p for the year, up

Specialist retailing boosted sales 25 per cent to £185.1 million and profits 21 per cent to £15.9 million. Dillons total sales rose 37 per cent

and same shop sales 5.5 per cent. Same shop sales at Athena rose 2 per cent, while those at Rymans were static. Profits at the office furniture division' fell 33 per cent to £3.7 million on sales down 10 per cent at £30.3 million.

Mr Maher was pleased with the group's acquisition of Wilding, the office equipment group. The open plan division has been transferred to Pentos's office furniture division, bringing to the group an additional £6 million of turnover, while 64 retail outlets with sales of £20 million have been incorporated into Rymans.

The direct sales and service division was sold to manage-ment, with the net effect being an extra £2 million cash

Mr Maher said business had picked up in the third quarter of last year and the first nine weeks of this year had been slightly better than last year's. Shares in Pentos rose 1p to

138p yesterday.

Best selling trio: Placido Domingo, Luciano Pavarotti and José Carreras

PolyGram records 25% income rise

PolyGram, the Dutch music company 80 per cent owned by Philips, reported a 24.8 per cent rise in net income to million) during 1991, helped by the continued strength of

the recording business.
PolyGram's best-selling artists last year included Bryan Adams, Dire Straits, Sting and the Scorpions. The best-selling classical recordings

were Carreras, Domingo, Pavarotti — In Concert, which has sold 7 million copies since its release, and the complete Mozart edition, which has sold 8 million.

Alain Levy, PolyGram's president, said the results "bear witness to the relative resilience of recorded music in a time of recession". The results mark the seventh con-secutive year of growth at Fi 0.5 to Fi 0.6 per share.

PolyGram, whose share of the market rose from 17.5 per cent to 18.5 per cent last year, when it expanded heavily, buying the distribu-tion rights for Motown Records and 30 per cent of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Holdings. Net sales went up by 20.5 per cent to Fl 6.33 billion. The dividend rose from

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

George Walker called to court by consultant

A FIRM of property consultants has issued a subpoena requiring George Walker, the deposed chairman of Brent Walker, to appear as a witness in a High Court action being brought against the leisure group next week.

Aldenbrook, a purposely created shell company, is claiming about £150,000 in unpaid fees and interest from Brent Walker in a dispute that dates back to 1988, when Mr

Walker was head of the leisure group.

James Lewis and Brian Morley, who control Aldenbrook claire their firm affected an introduction between Brent Walker and Shepherd Neame, the brewing group, which led to Shepherd Neame buying eight pubs from Brent Walker. The current management of Brent Walker denies that it was Aldenbrook's introduction that resulted in the sale. Mr Lewis and Mr Morley believe Mr Walker can confirm they were acting on his instructions.

Renishaw drops 22%

A FALL in sales, high spending on research and development, and investment led to a 22 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits to £4.2 million at Renishaw, the scientific instruments manufacturer. Turnover for the six months to end-December fell 4 per cent to £21.3 million. The company said demand from most leading customers had dropped more than 30 per cent. There was little six interior dividend is an upturn in its important markets. The interim dividend is 2.5p (2p). Earnings per share were 6.1p (7.6p).

Enterprise at £1.7m

ENTERPRISE Computer Holdings, formerly Systems Reliability, reports pre-tax profits of £1.73 million for the six-months to end-December (£2.52 million). The results are the second interim figures after the computer services group's change of year-end to end-March. The results compare with a £4.78 million loss in the first half of 1991. Earnings were 3.59p per share (1.15p). There is a second interim dividend of 1p (1.5p). Enterprise expects to pay a further dividend at the end of the 15-month period. The shares rose 2p to 25 p.

Readymix record slips

PRE-TAX profits at Readymix, the Irish concrete and building materials group, were Ir£3.6 million (£3.34 million) last year, compared with the record Ir£4.8 million in 1990. The company said all operating units had traded profitably. It invested Ir£3.6 million on capital improvements and nearly half was spent on Concrete Pipes and Ballykilmurray Tarmac, its most recent acquisitions. A final dividend of Ir2.2p (Ir1.95p) is being paid to give a Ir2.75p total (Ir2.5p).

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Crossing to Rubicon

group, is changing its name to Rubicon and asking shareholders for £5. I million through an eight-for-seventeen rights issue. A further 1.18 million shares will be issued to banks in settlement of £1 million of liabilities. George Duncan, the recently appointed chairman, heads a new management team. The group lost £8.9 million in its last financial year but made £963,000 pre-tax in the six months to November 30. There is again no interim dividend.

Sema shows 8.5% fall

SEMA, the Anglo-French computing services group, suffered an 8.5 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £14 million in 1991 and gave warning that there were few signs of a market upturn. The results would have been worse had it not been for a restructuring programme begun in 1990. Turnover was 10 per cent better at £412.5 million. Earnings per share were up from 10.5p to 11p because of lower tax and minority interests charges. Dividend per share was raised from 2.5p to 2.6p.

Macy's top job fight PRESSURE is growing for a management shake-up at

Macy's, now under the protection of the bankruptcy court. Bondholders want Edward Finkelstein, aged 66, and chairman and chief executive, to stand aside. His successor. Myron Ullman, currently vice-chairman, has already signed a \$800,000 contract for the next three years — and a total of \$2.4 million if he fails to get the top job. But Mr Finkelstein will not go without a fight. At a recent board meeting he pledged that he will take Macy's out of bankruptcy.

UK hotels batter **Brierley**

By OUR CITY STAFF

PROFITS and earnings have plummeted at Brierley Invest-ments Ltd, the New Zealand investment group, because of a slump in the performance of Mount Charlotte, its Brit-

ish hotels group.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-December fell 54 per cent to NZ\$140 million (£44 million), while the interim has been cut by 1 cent to 4 cents. Earnings per share slumped to 3.6 cents.

Mount Charlotte's profits fell 95 per cent to just £1.5 million due to the recession The figures marked a recov ery from the start of 1991 however, when the Gulf war brought losses. Trevor Beyer, a BIL director, said that the group planned to cut its stake in Mount Charlotte from 70 per cent to 51 per cent.

In December, BIL sold its other main British operating subsidiary, Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn, to Inchcape for £394 million. A profit of £46 million on the disposal will be included in the second half. Two-thirds of BIL's operat-

ing profits came from its trading activities, while NZ\$108 million came from investment sales. During the year the figures at most of the group's New Zealand busi-

Despite the slump, the fig-ures are a victory for BIL, which has succeeded in curting its net debt by more than half to NZ\$3.2 billion.

The group recently announced a joint A\$150 million (£65 million) bid for ACIL, the energy and brewing group formerly called Bond Resources, with GPG, Sir Ron Brierley's new invest-

Ofwat adjusts profits

OFWAT, the water industry

financial regulator, has, for the first time, published current cost accounts for the ten privatised water and sewerage companies, as well as the regulated water-only suppliers. The current cost accounts reflect the impact of inflation on assets and depreciation.

They show operating profits of the privatised companies utility subsidiaries were between 10 per cent (South West) and 59 per cent (Southern) lower than the conventional historic cost profits. Apart from Northumbrian, which shows a fall from historic profits of 13 per cent, the rest show operating profits between 17 and 32 per cent below historic figures.

Companies that have been forced to increase their spending on assets most in recent years are least affected by the current cost adjustment and vice versa. The counterpart of the

profit adjustments is that the current value of assets rises. especially for those companies whose recent investment is a relatively small proportion of their total assets. The increased value of assets shown in the current cost accounts could be used by Ian Byatt, the director general of water services, to support his case that companies could afford to borrow more to finance investments. putting off some of the final

cost to customers Mr Byan said the much lower returns on capital shown in the current cost figures should not be compared directly with cost of



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Bryant faces price freeze

BY MARTIN BARROW

Bryant & May, Britain's biggest match maker, faces a two-year price freeze after the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ruled that the company had earned "excessive profits" because of its 78 per cent market share.

Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, announced yesterday that the Office of Fair Trading will seek an undertaking from the company not to increase the price of its branded matches until 1994. Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, will review the market to decide whether further controls are messary.

The commission ruled that

the company failed to pass on to customers the benefit of "significant cost reductions", taking advantage of its domi-nant market share and of excise duty on lighters, which encouraged match sales.

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One commission member dissented against the find-ings, concluding that reme-dies were unnecessary. The dissenter argued that Bryant dissenter argued that Bryant & May was reacting to competition by including certain provisions in trading agreements and that prolitability had enjoyed the benefit of factors that would not recur or would have a reduced effect in future.

Regarding lighters, the commission found that price competition was greater and no adverse effects on the public interest were identified. Bryant & May is the largest supplier of disposable lighters and refillable disposable

lighters.
In 1987, the commission approved the takeover of Bryant & May by Swedish Match, subject to the assurance that price increases would not exceed the rate of increases in the retail price index, a condition that has been met by Bryant & May. David Wheeler, managing

director, said the company would co-operate with the OFT in implementing the commission's recommendations but criticised the gov-ernment's intervention. "We believe that the inquiry has been a waste of taxpayers' money and that the findings will have very little impact on the public interest." A box of matches cost less than one cigarette. Marches represent-

ed 2p in 1100 of consumer supermarket spending.
Bryant & May estimates that its recommended prices to retail and trade customers have not risen above the rate of the retail price index since 1987 while the trade price of cigarette lighters, also includ-

Gambling and property drive down Ladbroke

By Graham Searjeant

per cent cut in profits from betting drove Ladbroke's pretax profits down 29 per cent to £210 million in 1991 after charging £10 million extra interest on a low interest convertible bond under new accounting rules.
The group has written down

the value of its Hilton International hotel chain by £56 million, nearly all abroad, despite raising the valuation of the Langham, its new London ho-tel, by £19 million above cost and development costs. Ladbroke has also made write-offs and provisions totalling £90 million. Of this, £49 million was charged against profits, including £42 million of net interest and costs of development that would previously have been capitalised. This pushed the group's property division into a £12 million loss and the development side is

being run down.
Earnings fell a third to 16. I p a share but the dividend has been increased to 11.5p per share, a rise of 7.8 per cent after adjusting for the £460 million rights issue last August. Ladbroke shares gained

5p to 229p.
The Gulf war and recession tional hotel business and also, more surprisingly, its betting business. Ladbroke had built up a high-stake credit betting business to around 15 per cent of its betting turnover and this collapsed, although the retail betting shops around Britain

LOSSES on property and a 30 and in Belgium held up relatively well. Profits of the betting division, which also includes Vernons football pools, fell from £92 million to £65 million on turnover down 2 per cent to £2.25 billion.

By contrast, the group's DIY retail business, principally Texas Homecare, sailed through the recession by increasing its market share, Profits increased by a fifth to £48 million on turnover up 16 per cent to £653 million. Hilton hotels saw turnover

dip 3 per cent to £758 million and profits fall £11 million to £164 million despite £44 million profit from the sale of freeholds of two provincial ho-tels. The hotel business has, however, recovered from the impact of the Gulf war and increased profits in the second half of 1991.

Interest charges rose from £60 million to £92 million, but the rise pre-dates the rights issue. This reduced borrow-Ings to 38 per cent of share-holders' funds, which rose by £370 million to £2.85 billion. Capitalised interest, net of early rentals charged against it, more than halved to £24 million and is likely to fall drastically again this year.

Cyril Stein, the chairman, said 1992 had started encouragingly. Hilton International has seen an increase in business travel and the group is still selling developments at above balance sheet values



Encouraged: Cyril Stein thinks 1992 will be better

Provisions help push Woolwich down 20%

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

PROVISIONS for bad debts and losses from estate agencies clipped pre-tax profits 20 per cent to £136 million last year at the Woolwich, Britain's fourth largest building

The provisions tripled to £94 million, including £22 million of written off interest. Seventy per cent of the society's mortgage business is in southern England where the property market has been

Donald Kirkham, group chief executive, said: "The continuing recession mani-fested itself in an extremely weak housing market in 1991." The number of houses in possession at the end of the year was 2,850 compared with 1,940 at the beginning of 1991.

The estate agency lost £22 million. February had, however, seen an improvement with sales up 30 per cent, Mr Kirkham said.

Lending was down from 63.6 billion to 63.1 billion and net retail receipts fell from 61.4 billion to 61.1 billion. The cost-to-income ratio for the group increased from 53.7 per cent to 59.9 per cent. Operating profits rose from £196 million to £208 million and the value of assets was up 2 billion to £20 billion.

Mr Kirkham said the Town & Country, which will vote next month on a merger with the Woolwich, lost about £43 million after making provi-

Surveys point to recovery in orders and spending

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

CONSUMER spending is recovering, led by the Midlands and the North, and manufacturing orders and output are starting to expand again, according to two surveys of the British economy.

However, the government's cyclical indicators, published yesterday, are confusing. The January data showed the coincident indicator, which is supposed to move in line with the economy, pointing up for the first time in 19 months, while other indicators signalled downturn.

Emulating the closely watched American survey of purchasing managers, the Institute of Purchasing and Supply issued a report on business in Britain. It is based on responses from executives responsible for spending £250 billion each year. In contrast to other recent surveys, this one shows manufacturers reporting significant growth in orders and output. The key purchasing managers' index, based on a weighted average of several indices, rose to 50.8 per cent in February from 47.2 per

cent in January. Last month's figure was the highest since September. A reading above 50 per cent indicates general expansion. The new orders index rose to 56.7 per cent from 49.3 per cent in January; the output index climbed to 53.6 per cent from 49.6 per cent. Consumer spending is set to recover slowly, with retail sales rising 2.3 per cent this year. according to a report from BSL Business Strategies. It says that after a 1.9 per cent fall in consumer spending in 1991, the largest on record. recovery is under way, although it will be sluggish and

fragile.
BSL predicts a 1.1 per cent rise in consumer spending this year, driven by higher real disposable income. This compares with the 2.5 per cent growth the Treasury forecast in its November autumn statement.

Peter Dixon, senior econo mist at BSL, said high street spending should rise faster than overall consumer spending. Lower expenditure on fuel and power is foreseen this year after high spending on these items in the cold winter of 1991. The fastest-rising component of spending is expected to be leisure and other services; consumer durables, usually bought on credit, will

take longer to pick up.

Government figures showed the longer leading indicator, which identifies turning points in activity about ten months in advance, falling 0.6 per cent in January. The shorter leading indicator, which looks four months ahead, dropped 0.1 per cent, reflecting a fall in share prices. Ian Harnett, chief economist at Strauss Turnbull, described the data as "confusing to negative".

Raine bids for fellow builder

By MARTIN BARROW

RAINE Industries, the housebuilder and contractor, has made a £30,8 million agreed bid for Walter Lawrence, a fellow housebuilder.

Raine is offering one new ordinary share for every two Walter Lawrence shares. Convertible preference share-holders are being offered 100p a share in cash, with a

valued each Walter Lawrence share at 57.8p, a premium of 151 per cent over Wednesday's closing price of 23p. But with Raine shares falling 15 p to 108 p the closing terms valued the shares at just

over 54p.
The offer has been recommended by the Walter Law-rence board, and 17.9 per cent shareholder Newarthill has stated its intention to accept the bid in the absence of a higher offer. Walter Lawrence, whose

shares have fallen from a 12month high of 64p, estimated that pre-tax profits for 1991 fell from £3.6 million to £600,000 after an exceptional provision of El million against residential developments. The company has

debts of £72.3 million.Raine also announced a 2-for-7 rights issue of new shares at 95p each, raising £33.5

Although the proceeds would be used to reduce borrowings associated with Walter Lawrence, the rights issue is not conditional upon completion of the takeover bid. Raine said the funds would The ordinary offer initially instead be used to strengthen its own balance sheet.

Raine has promised to maintain dividend payments for the current year, pledging to pay a 4p final, although profits look certain to fall.

Interim profits, announced yesterday, fell from £8.2 mil-tion before tax to £5.8 million and earnings from 4p a share

to 3p.

The company said that housebuilding and interior contracting suffered lower margins in a highly competitive trading environment. However, Hall & Tawse, its

building contracting subsidiary, benefited from the quality of contracts carried forward from the previous

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ROLLS-ROYCE ANNUAL RESULTS

In 1991, Rolls-Royce turnover fell by 4% to £3,515 million, compa with £3,670 million in 1990.

Operating profit fell to £335 million (1990 £468 million) reflecting a sharp fall in profit margin, caused by reduced volumes and adverse business mix.

Profit before exceptional items and tax was £109 million (1990 £226 million) after charging £216 million net Research and Development (1990

After exceptional charges of £58 million (1990 £50 million), largely to cover restructuring, profit before tax was further reduced to £51 million (1990

Year end net cash was £52 million (1990 £170 million), a good performance in difficult trading conditions.

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended December 31, 1991. £m 3,670 Turnover 3,515 Operating Profit 335 468 Profit before exceptional items and taxation 226 109 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation 51 176 Profit attributable to shareholders 134 Earnings per ordinary share 13.9p — net basis 2.5p 15.3p nil distribution basis 3.5p Dividend per ordinary share 7.25p 7.25p Dividend: The directors recommend a final dividend of 4.7p per share (1990 4.7p per share) making a total dividend for 1991 of 7.25p per share.

ANALYSIS BY BUSINESS

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*Profit represents "profit on ordinary activities before taxation", after exceptional items, adjusted for net interest. Commenting on the results, the Chairman of Rolls-Royce, Lord Tombs of Brailes, said; "The results are set against a background of economic recession, made worse by the Gulf War. However, our broader business base

"We have continued to strengthen our position in highly competitive international markets. Our progress in building the order book whilst maintaining a strong balance sheet and reducing our cost base gives us every confidence for the future. On this basis we have maintained the dividend at the 1990 level,"

Rolls-Royce plc, 65 Buckingham Gate, London SWIE 6AT. Financial data for the year to December 31, 1991 has been abridged from the full Group accounts for that period. The 1991 accounts, which received an auditors' report without qualdication, have not yet been delivered to the Registrat of Companies. The Annual Report will be published and sent to all Rulls-Royer pir abateholders by the end of Annial

Brittan fires a broadside against EC mergers body

IN BRUSSELS

SIR LEON Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, delivered his long-awaited retort to those who believe his powers should be cur-tailed and an independent European Mergers Author-

ity set up.

Speaking in Innsbruck,
Austria, last night, Sir Leon
voiced the "gravest doubts"
about divesting Brussels of its competition and mergers task force. He is fighting back against his enemies. These include prominent figures in the French political establishment France's foreign minister, Roland Dumas, for example, has made little secret of his antipathy — and Martin Bangemann, the industrial commissioner.

Sir Gordon Borrie, head of the Office of Fair Trading, and his German counterpart, Wolfgang Kartte, are also numbered among Sir Leon's rivala.

Herr Bangemann and Herr Kartte have both suggested that an independent mergers authority for the Community could be based on Germany's Bundeskartellamt (cartel office), which has energetically pro-moted a "level playing field"

Sir Leon said the Berlinbased Kartellamt, headed by Herr Kartte, had enjoyed a unique cultural climate in Germany. "In the Community as a whole, it cannot be said there is a comparable carte blanche to less mar-



Sir Leon: fighting back public commitment to the

principles of competition policy," he said. His most serious objection, however, to a new authority is that it would have to bow to rulings from an arbiter, such as the European Commission or the Council of Ministers. That, he believes, would make it prone to political

"Allowing the commis-sion or council to override the competition authority would be to legitimise the application of political fac-tors when it comes to making the final decision," he said.

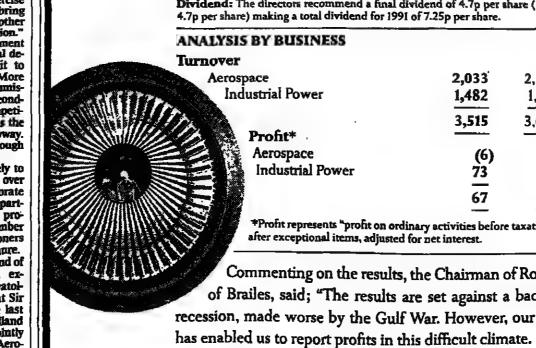
Shorn of its ability to investigate a case with its 100-strong team of merger experts, the commission would be reduced to making political decisions on the new authority's judgements. That would give to veto them, according to Sir Leon. "If you give a body such as the commission or council the right to take the final decision," he said, "it is bound to want to exercise that right and to ... bring to bear considerations other than those of competition." The present arrangement had produced impartial de-

cisions that did credit to Brussels, he said. More than half of the commission's experts were seconded from national competition authorities such as the Bundeskartellamt anyway. from start to finish.

The speech is unlikely to dampen controversy over the competition directorate
the commission department with the highest pro-file — as the 17-member college of commissioners nears the end of its tenure.

Herr Bangemann, fond of labelling competition experts "gurus and ayatol-lahs", said recently that Sir Leon had been wrong last autumn in the De Havilland case — in which ATR, jointly owned by France's Aerospatiale and Italy's Alenia, was blocked by the commission from taking over De Havilland of Canada.

There are doubts on whether a new competition commissioner will be as impartial as Sir Leon; and next year, France and its more interventionist allies might decide to revive the issue of competition versus indus-



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Ladbroke past the worst

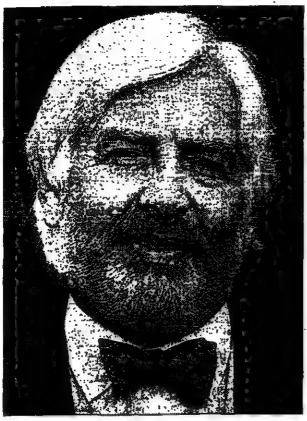
GREATER disclosure has not stopped Ladbroke being as enigmatic as ever. Profits from Texas Homecare. which looked vulnerable to lower consumer spending rose 20 per cent to £48 million last year and widened margins. However, high-rollers' credit betting feli 60 per cent. That de-pressed division profits 30 per cent to £65 million and

Considering the first-half impact of the Gulf war, the Hilton International hotels business, now the centre of Ladbroke, experienced a modest 4 per cent drop in trading profits to £164 million on turnover down 3 per cent to £758 million. The missing link is £44 million from sales of the freeholds of two provincial hotels that Ladroke will still operate taken as a profit against

The board notes that selling hotels while developing others is a normal source of profit. However, a precautionary write-down of £56 million net in hotel values is taken off revaluation reserve. Proposed changes in accounting standards may have an impact here.

On the property side, which made a loss of £12 million after interest against profit of £45 million. write-offs and provisions total £90 million, but of this, £49 million has been taken through the profit and loss account, including a £5.5 million write-down in dealing properties and a reduction of more than half in capitalised interest to £24 million.

There must still be question marks over the property side on both sides of the Atlantic but elsewhere, profits should recover. Peter Hilliar of BZW is looking for a recovery in pre-tax profits from £210 million to be-tween £250 and £260 million. Earnings per share, which fell a third to 16.1p last year, may only edge upwards due to the full impact of the judicious £460



Change of pace: Stephen Rubin, head of Pentland

The shares, up 5p to 229p, sell at 14.2 times 1991 earnings. The attraction lies in a 6.7 per cent yield, but the shares are not for the

Pentland Group

HAVING achieved one of the greatest investment coups of all time through buying into Recbok in 1984, the ques-tion is whether Pentland Group, led by Stephen Rubin, can repeat the trick at Adidas. With £273 million of net cash on the balance sheet after the Reebok stake sales, the stake of Bernard Tapic, the majority shareholder at Adidas, over which it has a pre-emption right should come on the market. One or two things are

different this time. M Taple

is a canny politicism and businessman who is not likely to sell out at a bargain price. The initial 20 per cent stake taken by Pentland in Adidas cost the company £46 million, about 1,000 times the size of the entire Recbok

Without Reebok, Pentland's £1-a-share asset value consists of 75p in cash. The group's other assets, consisting mainly of sports and footwear brands, contributed operating profits of £8.5 million last year on turnover of £315.8 million.

Assuming no contribution from and no further investment in Adidas, pre-tax profits will rise from £19.6 million to about E35 million this year, of which more than £20 million will be interest income. The dividend, which was trebled to 2.25p this year, is also likely to show another sharp increase.

If M Tapie decides to sell, and he has indicated he may withdraw from his business interests after the French national elections in April, the picture could be very different. The shares cur rently change hands at about 14 times expected earnings Shareholders should not ex-pect another Reebok, but the strong asset backing alone makes Pentiand a relatively

Raine

low risk point.

RAINE has shown resilience during the slump and its shares have held up well. Now the company is taking advantage of the goodwill it currently enjoys to bid for a fellow builder that is not

Walter Lawrence expects profits to fall from £3.6 million to £600,000 in 1991 after further provisions of £1 million against residential developments to add to prorisions of £5 million in 1990. Of greater concern are the group's hefty borrowings of £72.3 million, against net assets of £49.4 million at the

Raine's profits are also under pressure, slipping from £8.2 million before tax to £5.8 million in the half year ended December. Earnings growth will not resume until the domestic economy picks up, which is unlikely to be until the first half of Raine's next financial year, at the earliest.

interests fit neath, with Wal-ter Lawrence focused on southern England and the North-west, and Raine in the Midlands and the North.
Together they will sell about
2,000 homes a year, with an
average price of £71.500,
pitched towards part of the
market that is expected to show the earliest signs of

Walter Lawrence shareholders should expect no more; investors in Raine should trust their board's ability to deliver the goods in

BAA declines after warning on its profits

STOCKSMARKED

BAA, the independent air profits for the full year were as port operator, fell 15p to bad as feared, falling from 563p after being hit by a low-£176 million to £51 million. flying profit forecast that gave The aerospace division rewarning of further provisions placed a surplus of £81 mil-for property write-downs. lion with a deficit of £6 James Capel, stockbroker, million. Industrial power

did the damage by reducing profits fell from E102 million its estimate of pre-tax profits to £73 million. by £20 million to £185 mil- Sir Francis Tombs, the lion. Last year, the group chairman gave warning that made profits of £247 million. trading conditions in 1992 Capel has based its decision would remain difficult but he on the prospect of further forecast a steady improvment property write-offs, especially as the benefits of restructur-relating to central London.

BAA acquired much of its Ladbroke, the betting, ho-

central London portfolio tel and property group, rose when it acquired Lynton 5p to 229p despite a drop in Holdings a couple of years final pre-tax profits from ago. Capel says the recovery £296 million to £210 million. in passenger traffic since the The shares were no doubt Gulf War has been slower encouraged by a rise in the than envisaged, as figures final dividend. The hotels and next week should reveal. racing operations recorded racing operations recorded Share prices elsewhere lower profit contributions, were a little ragged with while property activities prodealers concerned about the duced a deficit of £12.4 mil-

overnight setback on Wall lion against a profit last time Street and the latest opinion of £45.2 million. polls showing Labour with a five point lead over the Con-struction group, surged 23p servatives. Prices were markcontinued drifting throughout the day. A sharp turnround in the fortunes of the March future also took its toll. The FT-SE 100 closed just above its worst of the day 2,538.3. Turnover rose to 608 million but dealers

tinued to reflect worries about a possible surge in government borrowing and the pound's renewed weakness, which has dented hopes of an early cut in interest rates. Prices at the longer end were

described trading conditions

left nursing falls of £4. Steetley, the building materials group, fell 5p to 377p as it continued to reject the £610 million bid from Redland, 1p cheaper at 454p. Steetley says that planned disposals of its business promised by Redand to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission runs contrary to its claims about

It looks as if the fall in BAT Industries has been rallying 10p to 625p. The shares have been a weak market, worried by the provisions at Eagle Star, its inancial services arm. Warburg Securities was aking a positive view of BAT's prospects yesterday.

the commercial logic of the Simon Engineering

climbed 19p to 271p ahead of full-year figures next week expected to show pre-tax profits virtually halved to about f20 million. County NatWest WoodMac, stockbroker, has added Simon to its list of top 30 buy recommendations and expects the dividend to be maintained. It describes the shares as one of the best recovery plays in the engineering sector with good ex-posure to the imminent American upturn. Simon re-places Prudential Corporation, 4p lower at 239p, which is still regarded by County as undervalued on yield

The decision to maintain the final dividend lifted Rolls-Royce, the aero engine group, 6p to 146p. However, pre-tax

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Dow opens lower

moderately lower on a follow-through to Wednesday's 22point drop in the Dow Jones industrial average and weaker bonds yesterday. The Dow was down 2.68

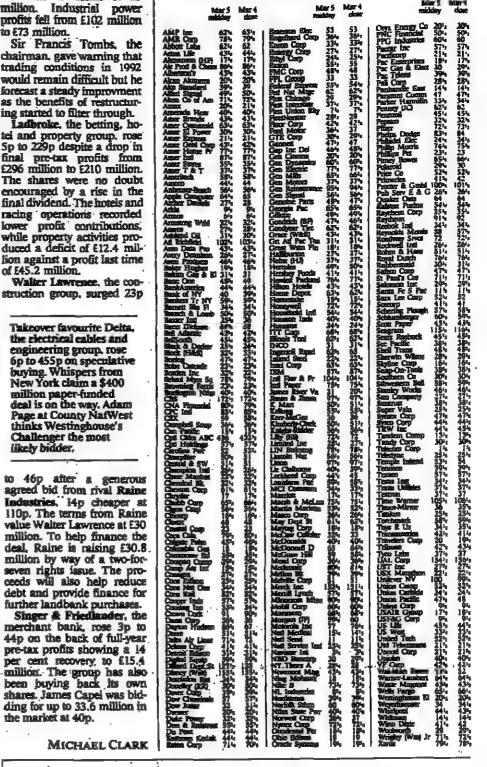
morning trading. In the broader market, declining shares led advancing shares Analysts said a larger than

points at 3.265.88 in mid-

expected drop in weekly jobless claims provided further

WALL Street shares opened signs of economic improvement and helped take some pressure off the market. However, the data also pushed bonds lower, which raised concern among investors about rising interest rates. ☐ Tokyo — Shares ended a sluggish day lower, with the Nikkei average below 21.000

for the first time in eight days. The 225-share Nikkei average was down 241.00 points. or 1.14 per cent, to 20,864.42.





the market at 40p.

Challenger the most likely bidder.

BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL LIGUIDATION

HOTICE TO CLAIMARTS

The District Court of Luxembourg, 6th Chamber, on 3 January 1992 appointed B. Smouha of Touche Ross & Co, London, and G. Baden and J. Roden, Attorneys at Law, Luxembourg as Joint Liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce International S.A. ("BCCI SA"). A winding up order was also made in respect of BCCI SA by the High Court in England on 14 January 1982. On the same day C. Morris, J.P. Fächerds, N.R. Lyte and S.J. Akers, all of Touche Ross & Co, London were appointed as Joint Liquidators of BCCI SA by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Section 137 of the Insolvency Act

The Grand Court of the Caymen Islands'on 14 January 1992 appointed I.A.N. Wight, R.E. Axford and M.W. Mackey of Deloits Ross Tohrnsteu, Caymen telands as Official Liquidators of Bank of Credit and Commerce international (Overeess) Ltd ("BCCI Overeess") and Credit and Finance Corporation Limited

and Pooling Arrangements and Agreements with Majority Shareholders

The Liquidators of BCCI SA, BCCI Oversees and CFC are in the process of sending out letters with

e Proposed Pooling Arrangements whereby the assets of BCCI Holdings (Luxembourg) S.A. ("Holdings") and its subsidiaries, BCCI SA, BCCI Overseas and CFC, including branches of BCCI SA and BCCI Overseas, will be pooled and distributed rateably amongst creditors.

 Proposed Agreements with the Government of Abu Dhabi on behalf of the Majority Shareholders of Holdings under which the Government of Abu Dhabi will make funds available for distribution (subject to ne) to ordinary unsecured creditors of BCCI SA, BCCI Overseas, CFC and Holdings. The High Court in London will consider whether to approve the Proposed Pooling Arrangements and the

Proposed Agreements with the Government of Abu Dhabi at a bearing on 8 April 1992. The courts in held on 28 April 1992 and on 30 April 1992 respectively. Creditors may appear or be represented at these at has not received the above letter and its attachment by 21 March 1992, or requires further

information, or intends to appear or be represented at the court hearings, he should contact, for BCCI SA, the Liquidators' Global Creditors Group at P.O. Box 250, 100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3AD. United Kingdom and, for BCCI Oversess and CFC, the Liquidators at P.O. Box 1359, Fort Street, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, R.W.L.

A Creditors' Committee has been established by the Luxembourg Court, in England an ad hoc Creditors' tee has been set up. These Committees will be consulted on the Proposed Pooling Arrangements and the Proposed Agreements and their views will be reported to the relevant Court. In the Cayman stands. It is proposed that a Creditors' Committee be established for BCCI Oversess following the hearing on 30 April 1992. Any creditor who requires to be placed in contact with members of the Limenbourg or English Creditors' Committees should write, for Luxentbourg, to The BCCI Creditors' nmittee. 25c Boulevard Royal, P.O. Box 46, 2010 Luxembourg and, for England, to The BCCI Creditors' Committee, P.O. Box 550, 100 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 3AD, United Kingdom.

The Liquidators will be writing to claimants separately before 30 March 1992 concerning the procedure for establishing claims (including Special Proof of Debt forms) and there is no requirement for claimants to contact the Luquidators at this time to establish their claims. -

This notice ONLY applies to BCCI SA and BCCI Overseas and their branches and to CFC.

THE JOHT LIQUIDATORS OF BCCI SA, BCCI OVERSEAS AND CPC.

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP plc

Department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

Preliminary results for the year to 25 January 1992

Trading Profit £100m

	1991/92 £m	1990/91 £m	
Sales	2280.4	2159.2	+ 6%
Trading Profit	100.1	109.9	- 9%
Interest	22.8	18.4	
Profit before tax	77.3	91.5	-16%
Taxation	8.3	12.6	•
Preference Dividends	0.2	0.2	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	68.8	78.7	-13%
Retentions	38.6	42.1	-
Partnership Bonus	30.2	36.6	

Profit sharing

All the equity capital of John Lewis Partnership plc is held in trust for the benefit of the workers in the business.

The profits remaining after taxation, preference dividends, pensions and allocations to reserves are distributed yearly among the workers as Partnership Bonus in proportion to their pay. This year the rate of distribution will be 9% of pay (1990/91 12%).

For further details please telephone 071-828 1000 ext 6222 or write to Chief Information Officer, 171 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5NN.

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Rolls rides out the recession

The contrast between Rolls-Royce Motors and Rolls-Royce plc, the aero-engine maker, could scarcely be greater. The car company lost money last year after sales halved. Its parent, Vickers, is casting around for a partner to help fund models for the next decade. Rolls-Royce, the engine company, stayed in the black, albeit on lower profits. And the company's foresight in reducing reliance on military sales has enabled Rolls to weather the turbulence as government extracts its peace dividend.

Since Rolls-Royce was returned to the private sector almost five years ago, it has lifted its share of the world civil aero engine market from 11 per cent to 24 per cent, a magnificent achievement. Some £2 billion of shareholders' money has been invested in research and development. As a result, the company now relies upon five families of engine for its civil sales, instead of two. Rolls has a newer, and broader range of engines than either of its larger American rivals, Pratt & Witney and General Electric.

has doubled to 400 a year and the order book is The impact has yet to reach the bottom line, for

This has been reflected in sales. Engine output

two reasons. First, aero engine makers have traditionally sold new engines for wafer-thin profits and made the real money on spares once they had the customer locked in.

Second, improved reliability has delayed the point at which engines start to consume spares hungrily from three years to six.

So although Rolls installed engine base is huge, and growing, it is, in Lord Tombs' phrase, immanure. Not until the mid-1990s will Rolls' reap the full benefit in its profit and loss account.

In the interim, job losses, cost cutting and restructuring remain the order of the day. If production costs can be sufficiently reduced, perhaps Rolls, and its rivals, can start to rebalance the profit equation so that engine prices better reflect improved reliability. That would benefit the company's owners, and employees, alike.

Lloyd's smears

he Prime Minister's office was quick to dissociate itself from the latest Lloyd's scare story to appear in usually highly regarded newspapers. The offending article painted a picture of Mr Major deeply concerned that the activities of so called insiders in the insurance market might damage the international standing of the City. Lloyd's critics would no doubt be delighted if the story were true. For it would clearly imply that the Prime Minister accepted the criticisms of the Lloyd's knockers. The response from his office yesterday makes clear that this is not the case. The attempt to use Mr Major in a context which casts Lloyd's in a bad light is the latest in a series of similar smears which taken together are beginning to raise the possibility of a dirty tricks campaign. Earlier notable efforts, later denied by the key players, suggested that high level Lloyd's figures were being given a serious hearing by the Bank of England over pleas for financial assistance and that clearing banks were cutting their credit lines to Lloyd's. These suggestions were strongly refuted by the Bank and Lloyd's itself. Doubtless there will be similar attempts to find a black side to yesterday's moves by Lloyd's to take prudent precautions to increase its liquid resources overseas and give the market greater flexibility in meeting claims. This is no more than good houskeeping at a time when the scare stories in London might affect overseas confidence in local money markets.

Thorn EMI looks favourite to win Branson's musical heart

Philip Robinson looks

at likely buyers for Virgin Music Group, foundation stone of the

entrepreneur's empire and now up for sale

horn EMI now looks the odds-on favourite to emerge as the new owner of Richard Branson's Virgin Music Group, the world's last major independent record company, valued at \$1 billion. Mr Branson, the soft-spoken entrepreneur and airline owner, has been teasing the fickle industry for almost nine months, saying his music business was not up for sale, but letting it be known just how much he may want for it.
One New York analyst said:

There's got to be a fight over Virgin. It's not just because the business is attractive, but the various rivals will want to keep it out of the hands of their competitors. It was the same with [Michael] Jackson's new deal. Sony may not have wanted to pay him so much, but they didn't

want him going anywhere else."

Goldman Sachs is now acting as auctioneer in a fight between Bertelsmann of Germany and Thorn EMI in the UK, which have both confirmed their interest.

Barring a last-minute change of

heart, PolyGram, part of Philips, the Dutch giant; Time Warner, the American entertainment group whose labels include Atlantic and Elektra; and Sony Corporation of Japan, which owns CBS, are out of

So too is the Japanese Matsushitaowned MCA records; MCA snapped up Geffen Records, the last leading American independent label, almost two years ago in a stock and shares deal which made David Geffen, at 48, among the richest men in Hollywood. But he could have been \$40 million richer. Mr Geffen took MCA's IO million shares, then valued at \$545 million, over a \$700 million cash and shares bid by Thorn. When Matsushita bid for MCA, Geffen's stake was valued at \$660 million.

The City estimates Mr Branson may get £570 million for his music business, whose top artists include the dancer-singer Paula Abdul, Janet Jackson, Genesis and now the Rolling Stones.

That is 30 times last year's esti-

mated profits of £18 million and at the top end of prices paid in the past industry players have scrambled to snap up smaller labels. The big six now control almost 90 per cent of the world market. A New York record industry executive said: "This is now a game of market share. That's the top priority of these com-

Since 1989, to raise it has been to buy it MCA's \$545 million deal with Geffen came amid Thom's \$435 million for Chrysalis, and SBK and PolyGram's \$750 million bid for A&M and Island records. The industry's largest recent ownership change was the \$2 billion deal by



Record breaking: Paula Abdul, the singer, could soon find herself working for new masters

Sony for CBS records in 1988. Virgin is the last big independent deal left. Buying its 6 per cent market there would lift either Thorn or MCA from their joint third positions to a clear second place with a 21 per cent share, pushing out Sony, which has 16 per cent. But neither would offer an immediate challenge to Time Warner, the largest with 29 DET CORL

A purchase by Bertelsmann would rocket it from sixth to second pos-ition, equal with Sony, and restore the German group to a slightly higher market share than it had following the purchase of RCA from General Electric in 1986. Since then, its position has been savaged by the lack of English-language hits. Time Warner and Sony have each lost 3 per cent of market share points

At the Grammy awards ceremony in New York last week, naming the winner of Virgin's auction was the top dinner table game, once the music industry had handed out its version of the Hollywood Oscars at the Radio City Music Hall. Time Warner swept the board with 22 awards, taking best album, best record and best song with Natalie Cole's version of her father's classic. Unforgettable. Sony gained 14 - its top artist was Michael Bolton - and Thorn's Bonnie Raitt collected three Grammies, the total warded to the group. But despite Mr Branson's own big name list, there were no accolades for his artists, who were nominated in two categories, but failed to win either.

r Branson, now 41, has let it be known he wants out of the record business, but he is effectively putting the family silver up for sale. Music is where he started, more than 20 years ago, and continues to provide more than half the profits of his empire. But close associates say that while he is no musical expert, he knows what sells. Some worry that he is swapping one volatile industry for a ride on another: the airline business, which has more ups and downs than a chart topper and eats much more money. However, it has

been the one industry that has drawn many successful entrepreneurs once they have enough money Marvin Davis, the American bil-

lionaire and former owner of the 20th Century Fox TV studio, wanted to bet a large part of his fortune on a bid for America's United Airlines 30 months ago. Luckily for him the deal came to nothing and the airline industry nose-dived into its worst slump on record, killing off two leading names. Mr. Pranana's sonal wealth is not yet in the billions of dollars but he is heavily commit-ted to Voyager Travel Holdings, the division of his interests which controls the Virgin Atlantic airline and whose profits last year are estimated at £775,000 on a £281 million

Virgin now runs 18 aircraft to 13 cities world wide and wants to apply for routes to Johannesburg, San Francisco and Washington DC. Mr Branson says his ambition now is to create a quality airline that can survive on a world-wide basis. In recent years he has worked increas-

ingly with minority partners - three of them are Japanese.

A brief courtship with stock market investors in the mid-Eighties left a sour taste that prompted him to take his company back into private ownership. The City had made it clear by its lack of enthusiasm for his shares that it felt less than comfortable with companies where executive flair could increase investment

Mr Branson is expected to apply a similar joint venture strategy to the sale of the music business, already part owned by Fujisankei, the Japanese media group that bought a 25 per cent stake for \$170 million in 1989. Its role in the current negotiations is far from clear. Mr Branson is expected to keep a small stake himself and insist that the management remain.

His first asking price was around \$2 billion, but if he can get \$1 billion and keep a stake, it would allow him the option to raise more money later by selling the balance at valuations he hopes will rise as the recession

rowth in compact disc sales has suddenly come to a halt after rising 10 per cent a year since they were introduced in 1983. Meanwhile, the cost of attracting talent continues to rise.

Michael Jackson now receives \$18 million a record up front from Sony for each of his next six albums. His sister Janet recently signed a \$30 million contract with Virgin. Other record industry deals have given Aerosmith \$35 million and Motley

Madonna, who is renegotiating with her current Sire Record label, owned by Time Warner, is pushing for a Jacksonesque price and movie deal. But she is in a weaker position. She still owes them three records under her current contract. She wants advances to rise from \$3 million to \$5 million per record and her royalty rate to climb from 18 per cent to 20 per cent, although this is still well short of the 25 per cent commanded by Michael Jackson.

Virgin is believed to have lured the constantly rolling Stones away from Sony with a 33 per cent rise in up-front payments from \$6 million to \$8 million: it paid them \$35 million for a three-year deal and rights to their records since 1971. It is the third time the Stones have changed labels in less than a decade. CBS Records poached them from Atlantic in the mid-Eighties for what was then a staggering record industry emeni on lion a record.

The industry itself is having to get leaner and meaner. Thorn recently announced 42 per cent staff cuts on its three main labels by merging marketing, promotions and sales, removing 150 jobs. But its music division profits for the year that ends this month are expected to rise 15 per cent to £124 million.

Mr Branson, who has said little publicly on the sale of what has been the seed corn of his empire, is on record with one quote: "It would be nice if it went to a European."

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THE TIMES

OBITUARIES OF 1991

Obituaries are news, and The Times has greatly

increased the space devoted to them each day. From the 900 or so published last year David Heaton and John

Higgins have selected some 180 to provide a fascinating

insight into the lives of all sorts of conditions of men an

Available from bookshops or direct from Blewbury

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Linley's phoenix

VISCOUNT Linley's show-room on the King's Road, south-west London, will reopen in May after a fire in January wiped out most of his stock. The Queen's nephew, who has had a run of bad luck, including the theft of his £10,000 Harley Davidson motorbike last autumn, will recoup just less than £100,000 from his insurers who are on the brink of settling the claims. Most of the chairs, tables and other classic pieces from David Linley Furniture, typically sell for £2,000 and more. Ruth Kennedy, managing director, says: "There's definitely a good market for us out there as we still do a lot of business through interior designers." The most recent returns at Companies House tell a story of hard times, with 2 turnround from record profits of £116,000 in 1989 to a loss of £18,000 in 1990.

Classic sideline

TIMES are hard in the property business, but are they this hard? John Coventry, who runs the City office of Hillier Parker, the chartered surveyor, is running a profitable business on the side hiring out posh cars. Vintage Occasions of Salisbury has two Rolls-Royces, an E-type Jaguar and two antique Land Rovers available for special events. Coventry hopes to use the 1928 Rolls-Royce Phantom and its sister, a 1935 model, to raise money for the Salisbury Cathedral Spire Appeal. The couple who raise the most sponsorship will ride scheme. An investment of



in the cars in the Norwich Union RAC classic car run from Castle Combe to Silverstone on May 24. Details from Hillier Parker on 071 606 6600.

JOHANNESBURG is a long way from the Square Mile...A recent report in South Africa's Business Day newspaper referred to those well known London institutions - Hambrose and Barclays de Zoete Weld.

Trouble brewing

LIFE in North Yorkshire may not be as idyllic as one might imagine. Take the village of Masham, which has been split by a row involving the Theakston brewing family. The trouble began last auturnn when Paul Theakston. who quit the former family business after it was bought by Scottish & Newcastle in 1988, announced that he was building a new brewery on the doorstep of the S&N site. Theakston has now given himself a month to raise £850,000 from investors under the business expansion

£625 — the minimum required - will buy 500 shares in the company, which aims to be churning out 12,500 barrels of Black Sheep bitter by 1995. His brother, John. chief executive of Higgs & Hill, the construction group, ioins him on the board.

WHAT is the difference between a bond and a bond salesman? A bond matures.

PIMS, the media services

PR speak

company, has published a guide to the "in" phrases used by trendy public relations executives. Their so-called jargon generator includes a list of "must" phrases to slip into conversation — "attitudinal hurdle", "ballpark figure" and so on - and examples of genuine PR speak is thrown in for good measure. On Hanson's need to regain City confidence: "What is needed is a revamped, heavily branded campaign with strategic input from the top." On Labour's tax proposels Labour's tax proposals: They've presented John Major with a carefully targeted, long-term, multi-dimensional window of opportunity. Last but not least, the benefits of tax exempt special saving schemes: "Off the record, Tessas opened up a unique and innovative corporate path-finding venture for investment houses and many held round the table brain storming briefing meetings at which they agreed to explore the window of opportunity in

JON ASHWORTH

the market and give fund managers two bites of the

Reflections on Glaxo discounts

From MrJ C Porteous. Sir, I feel it may interest your

readers to know that most of Britain's High Street pharmacists would have been able to forecast the drop in value of Fisons shares. The availablity of Opticrom (the hay fever treatment) was minimal during the first half of the hay fever season. Pharmacists also knew this to be the case in Europe and North

interested to know that Glaxo have recently altered the terms of discount available, on their UK pharmaceuticals, to the UK pharmaceutical wholesalers. These terms

Your readers may now be

mean that pharmacists will receive less discount on Glaxo products. Pharmacists are Obviously not going to let this go unchallenged. I feel that pharmacists will import more European Glaxo lines at a much lower price and also use, and encourage GPs to prescribe, more of Glaxo's drugs generically. Both of these options will result in reduced UK sales. I leave you to draw your own conclusions how this will affect Glaxo's share price and profitability. Yours faithfully

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J C PORTEOUS 33 Springvale Road Webheath Rodditch Hereford and Worcester

the company should charge

Allowance would encourage investment

From Mr Gordon Williams Sir, Professor Samuel Eilons letter (February 27) draws attention to a serious cause of low investment in plant and equipment. Compare the tax relief for a small company investing in either plant or in a pension scheme. If a client asks for advice I have no difficulty in recommending the pension scheme. The tax relief in the first year is four. times as much and there is no risk. The 25% writing down method is clearly too low for high tech expenditure because of rapid obsolescence.

The investment in the pension fund is reinforced by the income of the pension fund being free of tax whereas the income from the investment in plant is taxed.

If the Treasury had been asked to devise a scheme to discourage industrial investment I doubt if they could have made a better job. Professor Eilon implies that

what depreciation it likes in the accounts. This solution is unnecessary and undesirable. It is undesirable because it makes it easier for directors to manipulate profits per the accounts. It is not necessary for the writing down allowance for tax and the depreciation rate to be the same. All that is required is the reintroduction of a first year allowance. It may be desirable to restrict the first vear allowance to beneficial investment, e.g. manufacturing or import substitution. I will leave this point to better brains than mine. In the past the allowance has been an indiscriminate incentive and it would be an added bonus if it could be targeted to the type of expenditure which would help to stop the long term decline in

postion. Yours faithfully, GORDON WILLIAMS 14a High Street, Banstead, Surrey.

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Pension sense From Mr D. Lindsay Sir, Rather than simply raise

pensions (which will worsen the large differential between male and female pensions in the 60-65 age range) as Mr Swain suggests as an alternative to tax cuts (Letters. March 2), why not equalise the state pension age at 60? Not only will this achieve justice at a stroke; it will relieve the lot of those many 60-65 year olds who have no job and no pensions, release many jobs to the unemployed. allow 60-70 year olds to move into part-time work, reduce employers' pensions costs (so benefiting employment and investment), spread further spending power among a responsible sector, take some of the heat out of the Maas

tricht "Barber" Protocol, and, of course, appeal to the good sense of the electorate. Yours faithfully, DAVID LINDSAY, Legal Adviser, Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages, 36 Orchard Coombe,

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Fewer out of work helps lift gloom in Germany

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

MILD weather lifted some of the gloom over the German economy at the start of the ear, according to official

They show unemployment falling nationwide last month after a January jump of almost 6 per cent in industrial output in the western half of

the country.

The welcome dose of good news on the economy coincided with the regular fortnightly session of the Bundesbank policy-setting council, which left key interest rates

Although the latest economic data went some way to correcting the poor economic picture from December, the economy remains on a downward trend after three quarters of shrinking output.

The Bundesbank and the Bonn government still talk of a slowdown from previous exceptional growth rates caused by unification, rather

than recession. Provisional figures from the economics ministry showed an 8.5 per cent surge in output in the construction industry, reflecting the un-usally benign weather, helping to boost industrial output in western Germany by a seasonally adjusted 5.9 per cent in January.

The bounceback was flattered by the very weak De-cember figures, when industrial output dropped 4.2 per cent. The December fall was originally given as 3.1 per cent. Industrial output over the latest three months was about 0.5 per cent down on the previous three months. Labour office data, meanwhile, showed that unemploy-ment in east Germany fell back to 16.4 per cent in Feb-

ruary from a record 17 per cent in January. Despite economic slowdown, unemployment in

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western Germany fell back to 6.8 per cent from 6.9 per

The construction industry and agriculture, both benefiting from the weather, provided the biggest improvements in the labour market.

In eastern Germany, gov-ernment subsidised jobs and retraining schemes continue to mask more serious real unemployment, according to Heinrich Franke, head of the federal labour office. But the number of west Germans working short-time rose substantially in February, with the greatest increases in building, electronics and plant construction.

Ruth Lea, chief economist at Mitsubishi Bank, said that the German data largely represented a "correction" from bad December figures. But she said they also confirmed the view that Germany is "not entering a mega-recession", as some of the gloomier forecasters believe.

She saw nothing in the latest figures to prompt the Bundesbank into any early easing in monetary policy.

She foresees no cuts in German interest rates until the third quarter, at the earliest. Most forecasters still expect unemployment to show a slight rise this year.

In Japan, Kiichi Miya-

zawa, the prime minister, and the key members of his cabinet have agreed that the govto give the flagging economy a boost, according to Takeshi Noda, the economic plan-ning agency minister. Although Mr Noda said

the question of a cut in the official discount rate was not discussed, the government is expected to increase the pres-sure on Yasushi Mieno, the governor of the Bank of Japan, to initiate an early

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More O'Ferrall finds shelter in second half



Brighter outlook: Russell Gore-Andrews, the chairman, whose second-half profit prediction came good

MORE O'Ferrall, the billboard and bus shelter advertising site contractor that raised £13.4 million through a rights issue in October, has made a strong second-half profit recovery. Profits slumped to

E800,000 in the first six months of the year as the company took the strain of the advertising downturn in the UK. The prediction of Russell Gore-Andrews, the chairman, that the second six nonths would see a substantial improvement in profits but without matching 1990 levels came good; second-half profits reached £5 million (£7.7 million), making £5.8 million (£9.7 million) for the year to end-December.

As expected, the hardest hit division was UK and Ireland, with a 36 per cent fall in operating profits to £7.1 million. Belgium was little changed at £1.4 million. while France improved from E364.000 to £855,000. The interest bill was al-

most unchanged at £3.36 million and the rights issue cut net debt to £8.6 million, giving gearing of 26 per cent. A 10p final dividend makes 13.2p for the year, unchanged after adjusting for the rights issue.

is up to 3.35p (2.9p) after a final payment of 2.2p (1.9p). Negotiations on listing

Transatiantic Holdings, a Luxembourg-quoted proper ty and insurance group, said the company was talking to the London Stock Exchange

about a listing.

For the year to December 31. Transatlantic reported pre-tax profits of £57.8 million, down from £70.6 million. The dividend has been cut from 13.5p to 12.p

TLS passes final payout

Range, a USM-quoted vehicle rental group, to pass its final dividend (0.8p). The group blamed the recession in the motor trade for a pretax loss of £259,000 in the year to December 31, compared with a profit of £807,000 last time. Turnover

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Falling orders for oil undercuts Opec target

BY MARTIN BARROW

WORLD demand for oil produced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries will decline by 8.5 per cent to 22.6 million barrels per day (bpd) in the second quarter of this year from 24.7 million in the first, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said in its monthly oil market report.

The seasonal decline will leave demand significantly below Opec's production target of just under 23 million bpd, agreed at last month's ministerial meeting in Geneva. The imbalance between demand and supply has undermined oil prices, which remain well adrift of Opec's target of \$21 a barrel. North Sea Brent, which

pegged at Radius A DIFFICULT second half basket of Opec crudes, was priced at \$17.41 yesterday. resulted in a sharp drop in profits at Radius, the computer systems supplier. In the 12

Dividend

months to the end of Novem-

ered by earnings. Michael

Roberts, chairman, said the

unchanged dividend reflect-

ed a strong balance sheet, with cash balances rising

from £2.48 million to £3.13

million during the year.
Turnover was £28.12 million (£29.9 million) but operating profits declined from £2.82 million to £942,000

The IEA, an oil industry watchdog for big consumers, estimated that global de-mand would decline from ber, pre-tax profits fell from E2.8 million to £366,000, reducing earnings from 6.5p 67.8 million bpd in the first quarter to 65.2 million in the a share to 0.8p. At the interim stage, the company returned profits of £800,000. second. That would rise by 1.4 per cent to 66.1 million in Despite the setback, Radius is maintaining dividends at the third, resulting in a 3.5 per cent rise in demand for 2.7p a share with an un-changed final of 1.8p, uncov-Opec and oil company stocks.

Opec output declined to 24.3 million bpd in February from a revised figure of 24.4 million in January. Saudi Arabia, Oper's largest pro-ducer, trimmed production to 8.5 million from 8.6 million in January, excluding its half-share in the 300,000 bpd from the neutral zone shared

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Earnings rose from 13.69p a share to 16.6p. The group will pay a final dividend of 1.9p a share, making 3.4p for the year, against 2.8p last

Turnover grew from E14.05 million to £18.03 million and operating profits from £3 million to £3.94 mil-

lion, with trading margins showing a slight improvement as a result of greater manufacturing efficiency and a larger contribution from overseas subsidiaries, the group said. Capital investment totalled

£2 million, including £700,000 spent on two buildings at a 1.2-acre site at Luton, Bedfordshire. Cash balances at year-end rose £1.6 million to £6.3 million although investment income fell from £743,000 to E630,000 because of lower

interes rates.
Ian Hutcheon, the group chairman, said MTL would continue to expand despite the difficulties of recession. Orders have risen 23 per cent year-on-year.

climbed from £8.8 million to £9.97 million.

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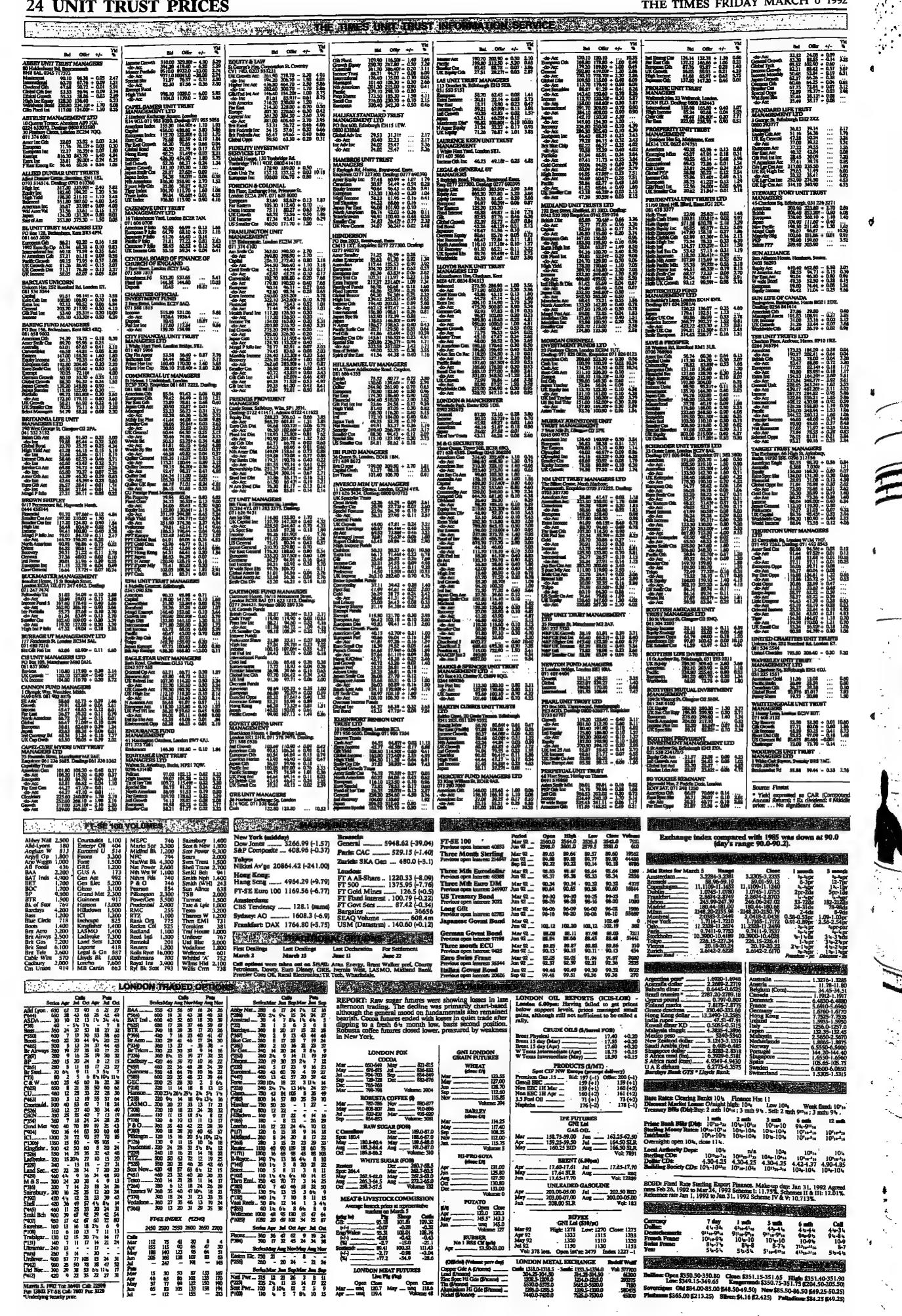
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A PILOT scheme is being launched in Sheffield to help the tenants of tied public houses when the tie ends and they start running their public houses as an independent business. Preliminary discussions have started that could spread the initiative around the spread the initiative around the country. It breaks new ground compared with other long-lease schemes adopted by some big brewers when reducing the number of their tied estate to meet monopolies requirements.

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Bass, Britain's biggest brewer, which has a strong public house presence in the north of England, is linked with the Sheffield initiais linked with the Shemen is linked with the Shemen tive developed by the Sheffield tive developed by the Sheffield with Agency (Senta) with Enterprise Agency (Senta) with the backing of the Sheffield Training and Enterprise Council (Tec) and the Department of Employment. In the pilot, a dozen pubs are chosen to represent various outlets from town establishments to country pubs, including some strategically placed to benefit from tourism generated by the Peak National Park which lies just outside the Sheffield city boundary. side the Sheffield city boundary.

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Bass Lease, a Bass subsidiary, has 1,200 pubs in England and Wales earmarked for eventual conversion from tied to licenced status as Bass whittles down its tied estate. Nearly half have been switched to commercial licences, typically running for ten years, but

some for 15 or 20 years. Bass Lease already advises the tied tenants during the transformation into separate businesses, but the Sheffield scheme will offer help over a six-month period without the involvement of brewery personnel. The value of the scheme to each pub owner will be up to 64,500, but subsidies will reduce the cost to about £300.

The difference will be made up from the Sheffield Tec, Bass and the employment department. Each business will get an individual audit and there will be help from professional advisers.



"Every day is Budget day for me!"

Pilot project helps | Future profits unearthed in the past

BY SALLY WATER

Venerable Bede to good account. Lucy Walker used them as her starting point when she began Speciality Tours in 1984. Today the business arranges tours in archaeology, landscape and social history around Britain, all with specialist guides.

She had several reasons for founding the tour operating business. For one, she wanted to avoid becoming involved in things like "power play, hierarchies and gen-der politics". She was also keen to infect others with her own enthusiasm for the past.

An Oxford graduate in history and Italian, Ms Walker had previ-ously done field work in Oxford's extra-mural department of archaeology. Her boss ran programmes in field archaeology and this gave her the germ of her business idea. She found the programmes interesting and fun and ranking the court of and realised the same could be done to make archaeology interesting to lay people.

She began her business while

a field archaeologist. During the first three years. Speciality Tours centred on the North-East. . In her start-up, she was helped by the use of Oxford extramural's mailing system to despatch leaf-lets. She gave up her job to spend four months on an enterprise training scheme at Durham University business school. "I had some

savings and put about £1,000 into

living in Durham and working as

TURNING Hadrian and the the business. And I got a Tourist Board grant for 40 per cent of my marketing costs," she says. She worked from home, on an electric typewriter (now there is a comput-

et), but contracted in part-time secretarial and mailing help.

In 1987, Diane Williamson joined Speciality Tours as a part-ner. The business prospered and now has an annual turnover between £60,000 and £70,000. To offset the effects of the recession and stimulate cash flow it is expanding into winter "city break" weekends. In addition, it offers

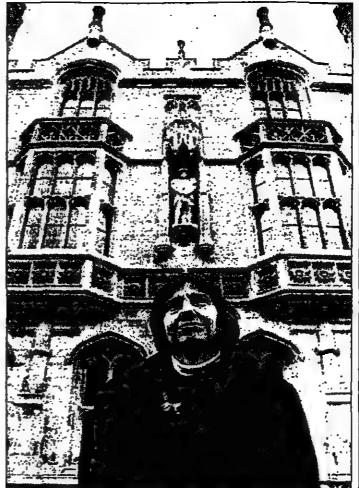
tailored packages.

Ms Walker, aged 37, moved to
Cambridge a year ago. The business, still based in Durham, is managed by both partners, with Mrs Williamson responsible for day-to-day running and the ac-counts, helped by a small book-keeping system. Printing, the main expense, is done in Durham.

Each tour is planned with its professional guide. The main' ones, from £265 to £390, last five nights. One highlight of the new season is archaeology of the Scilly Isles led by Professor Charles Thomas, former director of Exeter University's Institute of Cornish Studies. Others are Chichester's Roman and medieval landscapes, and the Borders led by Tom Clare,

Cumbria County archaeologist.

"Clients like the personal touch, some come back year after year and we get a lot of single, professional people," Ms Walker says.



Personal touch: Lucy Walker, founder, Speciality Tours

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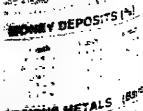
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Playing tag in the office

he potential uses of electronic tagging have ranged from keeping minor offenders under a form of house arrest to alerting old peoples homes when residents stray. It can be useful in offshore worksites, where for safety reasons it may be necessary to know who is where on board a rig.

But for wider use electronic

But for wider use electronic tagging is most likely to make its presence felt in the office, and the more high-tech, the more likely it is that employees will eventually be tagged.

In a project jointly funded by Olivetti and Digital Equipment more than 130 people are now wearing electronic badges about 2 in square,

are now wearing electronic badges about 2 in square, known as active badges. The system was started one-and-a-half years ago and uses infrared sensors which pick up transmissions from the badges and keep tabs on who is where in a building throughout the working day.

The project involves 35

The project involves 35 people at Olivetti Research and more than 100 at the nearby University of Cambridge computer laboratory.

Now Olivetti and Digital

Electronic systems to keep track of people at work are being tested. Matthew May looks at the possibilities

are investigating how to incorporate the results of the project into commercial prod-

"I think that by the end of this year electronic badges will be appearing in various guises," says Dr Andy Hopper, managing director of Olivetti Research in Cambridge, where much of the work is being done. "But they will probably be sold as part of a larger system connected to computers, phone systems

or whatever."

The ability to link the location of people in an office to computers, telephones and other devices is said to be the main advantage the latest hi-tech systems can work far more efficiently if they know where someone is.

Telephone calls, for example, can be routed to the telephone nearest to the badge wearer while the tag can also be used to log people on to a computer automatically as soon as they sit down at a screen. It should also

prevent people from logging on under false identities.

Urgent electronic mail can be sent to the nearest terminal and its arrival announced by a beep from a badge. Three beeps may indicate the

arrival of a visitor.

Doors can be programmed to admit only certain badge wearers and shared computer printers can be told to give priority to requests from those actually in the building.

The idea of phone calls being able to track people down wherever they are may be seen as a potential night-mare for those who already spend hours dodging calls that are less important than the work they are trying to get done. To accommodate this, a button can be pushed on the badge to tell the system the wearer is busy.

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However, the software controlling the active badges goes further than this: for example, if more than three badges are grouped together in the same room they are

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automatically assumed to be having a meeting and will not lightly be disturbed.

the system have included hefty power consumption by the badges, although the batteries now last for two years, and a few initial headaches making the infra-red sensors work when the sun was com-

Individual badge wearers can also program the system to their particular idiosyncrasies: for example, allowing interruptions sometimes wherever they are in the building but never if their badge shows they are in the

ext week the system will be up-

graded to test a

personal alarm

facility. By pressing the button on a badge several times,

the wearer will generate an emergency message on the system giving his or her location and identity.

As with many new technologies, the cost is likely to start high and then tumble if the system takes off. "In large

volumes these badges should

only cost a few pounds a

person," says Dr Hopper, "though at the moment it is

tens of pounds."

Less easy to solve will be the social objections to office tagging systems that, many would argue, intrude on privacy. Such objections have surrounded other electronic tagging systems with controversy, especially if it results in a record being made of some-body's movements.

"You have to be quite careful how you present this system to people, and so in Olivetti Research there is no recording of information," Dr Hopper says. "We have found it soon becomes so useful that people find it acceptable.

The biggest user of computer time is the badge system because everybody is looking at it all the time."



No hiding place: Dr Andy Hopper shows the badge that can keep tag of employees

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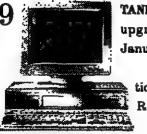
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Discord rules the airwaves

opes that the next generation of television sets would be based on a common world standard were dashed this week as representatives of many of the world's governments met in Torremolinos, Spain, to divide up the ether for the years to come.

More than 1,300 delegates from 120 countries attended the meeting, the World Administrative Radio Conference (WARC), which will affect broadcast and other radio-based services for

Other disappointed groups included ham radio enthusiasts: the conference considered the frequencies they use top valuable to allow any extension. Those eager to see an early use of phones on transatiantic flights also

faced a setback.

Backers of plans for implement a global mobile phone system using miniature satelites had more reason to be happy about the outcome of the conference as a last-minute motion ensured they got their chunk of the spec-

trum.

The most ambitious plan, by Iridium, a subsidiary of Motorola, is to put 77 satelites in low Earth orbit, which will allow mobile phones, laptop computers and pagers to communicate with each other anywhere in the world. The service could begin within two years and eventually have two million

The four-week event was characterised by a struggle between the world's different regions to get what they considered best for themselves—the United States, for example, was determined to see 17Ghz adopted as a worldwide standard for high definition television pictures broadcast from satellites. Europe, on the other hand, was holding out for 21Ghz.

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The agreement to adopt
both frequencies guarantees

next that equipment made for North America will be incom-

patible with that for Europe.

The US and Europe also agreed to differ on the frequencies to be used for telephone links to aircraft and with a dual allocation it means that airlines will have to kit out their aircraft with two sets of equipment — one for Argentina, Canada, Mexico and the US and another for the rest of the world.

In anticipation of a boom in mobile communications, parts of the radio spectrum were reserved for land-based mobile communications systems, which should ensure a host of services becoming available between now and the end of the century.

Though shortwave broadcasters were allocated some extra space, serious congestion means that some broadcasters may move to a more expensive transmitting technology. It is feared that this could lose millions of listeners in developing countries who will not be able to afford new high-tech radios.

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The problem of shortwave congestion has become worse since the proliferation of smaller stations in Eastern

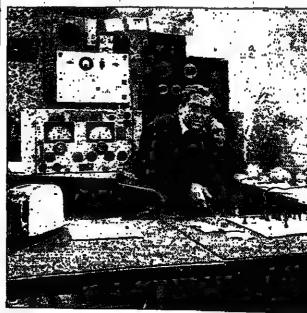
Europe and Russia.

Alternatives suggested include sticking to shortwave but using the spectrum more efficiently through a technology known as "single sideband" that allows 50 per cent more stations on the same frequency, or moving to what some call the future of radio — direct satellite broadcast.

Both approaches have the same drawback — new receivers will cost between £50 and £100, perhaps ten times as much as radios cost in some poor nations.

The use of single sideband is not supported by big international broadcasters like the BBC and Voice of America. They say the plan would render most of their listeners' radios obsolete.

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Slice of ham: Tony Hancock searches the ether

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Plain fax about the weather The Meteorological Office offers detailed forecasting

by telephone. Nick Nuttall sniffs the wind

ero clubs, private pilots and even wing walkers preparing for the new season can now get instant access to weather reports, forecasts and charts through their facsimile machine. The service gives pilots up

to three days warning of whether a planned trip from, say, southern England to northern Scotland is leasible in the prevailing weather patterns. It can also provide aerial acrobats with the kind of detailed information on wind speeds and gusting that might spell the difference between a successful or ca-

"In the past people might have an agreement with a local weather centre to have such Information sent to them, which was fairly laborious, or they would rely on telephone forecasts," Jim Ephraums, of the Meteorological Office at Bracknell, Berkshire, which organises the scheme, says.

There was never any way of getting hold of this range of information when you need-

The service, which is also available to commercial pi-iots, is being extended to cover parts of the Continent and is tailored to deliver highly specific forecasts for individual aerodromes in

Britain The Met Office also has plans to provide charts, weather patterns and other meteorological information to aviation customers on home or office personal computers through a development called the meteorological informa-tion self-briefing terminal

Mist will allow weather information to be delivered in

real-time and in colour, with the possibility of customers being able to rove through weather databases.

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tural services manager at the Met Office, says: "There is

evidence that putting fertilis-

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is less scope for substances

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water courses as this is the

time when the grass is going to make the best use of the

As with all the office's dial-

up fax services, farmers call a

premium-rate number, which links with a computer

in Warrington, Cheshire,

This is where the weather

service computer, managed by Vodata Service, of New-bury. Berkshire, is based.

A recorded voice then in-

vites the farmer to switch on

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Malcom Lee, the agricul-

The development of fax services for the aviation market highlights a growing range of fax-based services coming on stream from the

There are about a million and a quarter fax machines in Britain and we are now the biggest publisher in the area of dial-up fax," Mr

Ephraums says.

A system called MetFax Marine is also expected to be introduced in the spring in time for the yachting season. This will provide a package of weather- charts and textbased forecasts and reports

The office has already launched one part of the service. Traditionally the shipping forecast has been issued four times a day by BBC Radio.

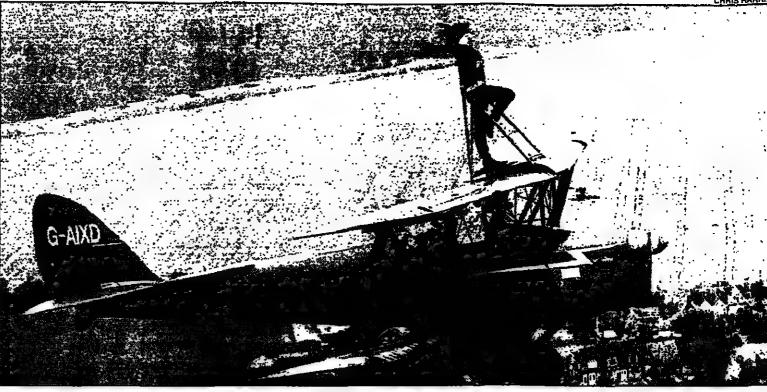
"In the past you had to listen in and jot it down," Mr Ephraums says. "Now we have it on dial-up fax so you can get it on a piece of paper.

The advantages of such a rystem are that other telephone numbers can be di-alled to acquire more detailed information to support the shipping forecast

By dialling other numbers you can get a map of all the shipping areas, a description of the Beaufort scale or synoptic charts that show features such as pressure systems and fronts," Mr Ephraums says.

This year for the first time farmers and fertiliser merchants are also being offered dial-up fax service that indicates the best time to

Research indicates that when the average daily tem-



Up and away: wing walkers, pilots and aerobatic teams can get a print-out of the wind speeds and flying conditions for a specific aerodrome

tion several days in advance, issued feeding advice for most of the UK at the end of February. Fertilising forecasts for Scotland and the north of England, where average daily temperatures have been low

er, are expected soon. A further farming service using fax has also gone nationwide recently, Mr Lee

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service offers specific, six-day areas of the country.

It also offers a daily faxed forecast to subscribing farm-

ers which, it is hoped, will help cut levels of pesticides, herbicides and fungicides sprayed on crops by indicating the best time to spray. Farmers often have to

respray crops with chemicals

tailing wind speed, humidity, rain, sunshine and temperatures, thereby identifying

because rain or wind has when spraying should be dewashed them away. Morelayed or omitted altogether because conditions are not over, some pesticides work

best at certain temperatures. Studies by the Meteorologi-The service, which includes cal Office, ICI and ADAS, weather forecasts at county level, sends faxes at 6am, dethe government agricultural advisory service, indicate that pesticide use could be cut by 2,400 tonnes annually or 10 per cent a year. This should spray crops and the days help not only the environment

but farmers' pockets in a time of recession, says Mr Lee, The service costs between £60 and £150 a month depending on the level of detail and was initially offered in the East Midlands and East Anglia. Mr Lee says it now covers 77 intensive agriculture areas of Britain. MetFax Helpline 0344

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THE Russian scientist who created supercomputers used by the former Soviet Union to design nuclear weapons has been hired by Sun Micro-systems, the American com-

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puter company. Boris Babayan and a team of about 50 other Russian computer designers will remain in Moscow to run a laboratory for the company. The scientists are expected to earn little more than their present monthly salaries of 1,500 roubles a month, a fraction of those earned by too American computer designers.

Price overlap

HEFTY price cuts are continuing in the computer world, and not even the buoyant market for portable computers is immune. Toshiba this week cut the US prices of several versions of its laptop computers by about 25 per cent. There are no plans to reduce British prices.

A model costing more than £3,000 in Britain, for example, is now available in the US for less than £2,000 - a gap that is considerably more than a return airfare.



Trading blows

A COMPUTER game that lets people bash Japan to help America get rid of its chronic trade deficit has been announced, not by a US company but by a Japanese one. The simulation game, which costs £40 and will be on sale only in Japan, puts players in the shoes of the US government to negotiate with Japan to get its massive trade imbalance down. The player considers his citizens' complaints against Japan, and uses a number of bashing points" to persuade

Road check

THE transport department has given the first in-car traffic information system li-cence to Trafficmaster. Motorists will eventually be able to receive news of road consystem uses sensors placed at two-mile intervals above motorways to collect traffic information and relay it to a a car dashboard display screen.

Fee cut

CUSTOMERS are having to pay different prices for Cellnet's Callback messaging service, which relays calls made to cellphone users at their convenience. Though all users pay for each message retrieved, Cellnet abolished a E3 a month subscription fee last December. However, about 10,000 of the system's 60,000 users are still having to pay a subscription fee through their dealers.

Net profit

SOFTWARE companies have not been hit as badly by the recession as many com-puter manufacturers. Novell, for example, last week announced profits for its first quarter 71 per cent higher than the same period last year and turnover up more than 50 per cent to \$205 million (£117 million). The rise reflected a 37 per cent sales increase in software for computer networks.

Group support

A RESEARCH programme into groupware, software that can be worked on by a several people at the same time, is expected to receive more than £11 million. Up to 20 projects are to be run over the next three years. The programme on computer-supported cooperative working, will be partly funded by the trade and industry department and the Science and Engineering Research Council, with the aim of helping industry and academia to research advanced information systems.

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RUGBY UNION

England hoping to make tour of S Africa in 1994

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHILE England have their eyes fixed firmly on tomorrow's five nations' championship match with Wales at Twickenham, their long-term horizon is shifting towards 1995. In their quest to become the best rugby-playing nation in the world — the stated objective of Geoff Cooke, their manager - they hope to tour South Africa in 1994, the year before the next World Cup, which is likely to be held in that country.

After yesterday's training in private at the Stoop Memorial ground, Cooke played down, as he always has, suggestions that England have reached the top of the ladder by establishing themselves as the biggest force in the northern hemisphere. That would not change, he said, even if Wales were beaten and a second successive grand slam

"It's a question of how you measure where you are," Cooke said. "We have only started winning. We have won two games against Wales in the last four years so were we to win again, we would only edge ahead during my time. They will make it very difficult for us. They are op-ponents who have traditionally caused England problems and whom we always like to

But the measure is sustaining a run of success over a period of time. We have to start beating the southern terms we have still not proved

A lot depends on the opportunities we have to play them. South Africa in November and we are planning a tour there, which will be much more significant. All being well we are looking to go there

"New Zealand come to Britain in 1993 and perhaps we have missed the boat with Australia. We have to register major victories against those sides before people start to talk about England in the same breath as they talk about the All Blacks. I think we have closed the gap but they are still ahead of us and we are running like hell to keep up with them."

Not that the England players are looking so far ahead; a second grand siam may be attainable but, as Cooke observed, for five of his side who took no part in last season's championship, a first will do nicely. Will Carling dismissed suggestions from Welsh players that England might go into the match "too cocky".

Carling said: "We have

learned from every match we have played this season and we don't regard this as a foregone conclusion at all." While England and Wales, in Cardiff, trained yesterday, France announced a side showing seven changes, two

positional, for their meeting at Murrayfield tomorrow with Scotland, whose veteran full back, Peter Dods, has confirmed that he will retire this summer. Since losing to England, and losing two forwards suspended, Pierre tight forwards and dropped Franck Mesnel, the experienced centre, after 46 appear ances. "Everything that is wrong with our game was exposed against England," Berbizier said yesterday.

The only new cap is Jean-Pierre Genet, aged 29, the Racing Club hooker and, by modern standards, a lightweight at 13st 10lb. He is joined in the front row by the experienced Louis Armary and Philippe Gallart, the Beziers prop whose last international experience was dismissal, and a subsequent four-month suspension, for punching during the final tour match against Australia

Olivier Roumat becomes an original selection at lock but Jean-Francois Tordo remains at flanker despite a tendency to concede penalties by his wild play. Philippe Saint-Andre moves from the wing to centre, Jean-Baptiste Lafond from full back to wing, and Jean-Luc Sadourny comes in at full back after three previous appearances as a replacement

Johnson eyes festival glory

BY RICHARD EVANS

HOWARD Johnson will leave behind his 120 suckler pigs and 500 sheep at Billy Row in deepest County Durham next week in search of

The quietly spoken train-er-farmer, who has about 25 jumpers at his base seven miles outside Bishop Auck-land, heads for Cheltenham with more than dreams to keep him company on the

long journey south.
It is not unusual for smaller yards to produce one or, occasionally, two runners at the festival — and cause an upset. Remarkably, Johnson will probably have four horses running during the first two days and each of them

The former assistant to last person in the world to shout from the rooftops about his horses or the excellent season he is having. Instead, he says: "We have always had plenty of horses, but now we have got better

quality.
"I have not changed my training methods. We do a lot of hill work here. At the top of the bank, it is 1,000ft e sca-level, so we us the hills and keep the horses sweet around the farm. We take them down to the sea at Seaton Carew just for a can-ter and roll in the sand and sea. They seem to come back all right."

Johnson, aged 38 and thrust into the training role ten years ago when his father's health began to fail, was chatting just after returning from Catterick where he had given his featival hopefuls a final washing. "Absolutely smashing. We're really pleased with them. They have all jumped

BY MICHAEL SEELY

HYWEL Davies will ride

Fidway in Tuesday's Smurfit

Champion Hurdle. Steve

Smith Eccles, Fidway's usual partner, made a sansfactory return from injury at Strat-ford yesterday but considers

he may be too ring-rusty to do

the fourth favourite justice on

ing and was perfectly all right," Tim Thomson Jones,

Fidway's trainer, said. "But

there just isn't enough time left to find out whether he is

"Hywel's never ridden the

horse before but he's riding

him tomorrow and again in

Smith Eccles, already three times successful in the Cham-

pion Hurdle on See You

Then, broke his left ankle in a

fall at Lingfield on January 2.

LUCK turned against Jona-

"Steve rode out this morn-

the big occasion.

in top form.



Cheltenham bound: Johnson checks over two of his big-race contenders Abnegation, left, and Edberg

off the wagon and gone straight into their pots." Abnegation, in particular, nowed he had recovered fully from a set of niggling

injuries to take his place in the Sun Alliance Novices Hurdle, where he will be partnered by young Jimmy Moffatt. The half-brother to smart

Irish chaser Barney Burnett has won three races this season after losing out by only seven lengths to Cab On Target last campaign. The form of his latest victory at Newcastle has worked out exceptionally well.

Abaccation has shown a

The veteran jockey, who finished second on Light-

Hearted Lady on his come-

his situation to that of a foot-

baller returning from injury.
"He wouldn't play in a Eu-

ropean Cup match without

having a game with the re-

serves first. It wouldn't be fair

to the horse or the connec-

myself.

for 1993.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Davies pulls out

of British team

may be accompanied to Prestbury Park by Mary, his live in goat.

Edberg, comfortable win-ner of races at Kempton and Sandown this year, is a two-mile chaser who is improv-ing almost by the minute. With only 10st 6lb in the nong the favourites.

"He's improving all the time and he's particularly well in himself. The only trouble is that we always thought that he is better going right-handed. He has only won going that way.
"If Cheltenham were

Davies to partner Fidway in Champion

habit of stopping after hitting

of confidence. I am not say-ing he won't go left-handed. But he does jump - he will take lengths out of the others.

Lacidar is a regular at the festival and finished runner-up in the Mildmay of Flete two years ago. The 12-yearold, accompanied by Ste-phen Swiers, one of the top northern amateurs, will go for the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup, having recently won impressively at

Howe Street has also shown himself to be in good form when beaten narrowly at Sandown after winning at

bet 11-4 Granville Again,

100-30 Royal Gait, 7-2 Mor-

he is likely to take his place in the Mildmay of Flete where he should appreciate the step up to two-and-a-half

The borses are ready and Johnson will not lack for good advice about Cheltenham. Ray Hawkey, his father-in-law, sent out Sunset Cristo to finish third in the Gold Cup (at 100-1) in 1982. However, long prices and successful gambles are not in the forefront of his mind as he heads for the

"I shall go for the glory. If one of mine finishes in the frame, my little percentage

Engaging in a hopeless pursuit of immortality

THE Welsh players of the Seventies, fortifled with Phyliosan and snugly drowsed with Horlicks before bedtime, were recently midnight. If each passing season of Welsh blunder and own golden immortality. Peter Yarranton, by saying the present England team would have beaten them, indicated what an insubstantial thing reputation is; airy and perishable.

The old boys might have coughed and spluttered and, had they been up to it, might even have cared to take up the challenge of my old ac-quaintance, the Middlesex

This England team, the argument runs, with its scientific approach and statistical analysis, its strict regimen of physical and psychological conditioning of exercise and diet, and all the other contemporary paraphernalia a modern athlete needs, would lay low the easy and looser comrades in arms of a more carefree era, although it did not seem anything like so blithely casual at the time.

But then, after all, as presi-dent of the Rugby Football Union, Yarranton would say the present England team would win, wouldn't he? But it is a fugitive argument, as elusive as chasing goblins in the dark. Let us consider.

On an overcast May afternoon in 1954 at Iffley Road, Oxford, Roger Bannister broke the four-minute barri-er for the mile with a time of 3min 59.4sec. Across the distance of 31 years, after others at irregular intervals had shaved away at the mile record, Steve Cram, in Oslo in July 1985, established a world record at 3min 46.32sec. And so it stands. The relentless and heartless clock makes Cram unequivocally the faster runner by some hundred metres or so. But who is the greater athlete? Which run the more heroic?

Bannister trained three times a week when taking a

THE LEADING

break, presumably from his pressing medical studies. Cram, in a new and different age and supported in his endeavours by the finances of a wished in any land of his desire, whenever and wher-ever the climate was most

Each in his fashion was a luminous talent, each a transcending achievement caught in time and place, and no better or worse for being

distinctly of their period. Dr W. G. Grace remains an icon among cricketers. But his vast bulk and long beard would none the less cut a strange and improbable figure nowadays at Lord's or under lights in Melbourne.

Would he survive today? Some modern youth, impatient with those who lament the passing of old things, might question, when seeing the heavy-duty boots and kneelength shorts, how on earth anyone could possibly be beguiled by a Matthews or a Finney at Wembley. Would their talent be exposed

These are interesting but unprofitable ideas, too futile to pursue other than in filling a careless hour or two in the four ale bar. The certainty of their greatness continues, borne aloft by being the best among their peers. That is all we need to know.



Bennett: different era

Sport is the eternal pursuit of the absolute; simply to be,

Dewi Morris for Gareth Edwards? Rob Andrew for

I know where my warm allegiance lies. I know, as you can well imagine, what my preferences are. But then, I would, wouldn't I?

promise, are already vested with greatness, not through any comparison with others of the past, but rather in the terms of their own talent and achievement. All that can be said, with any conviction, is own irresistible momentum a new mood and expectation, and a new English way of believing. They have set the standards. Others know they

northern hemisphere, England have played everybody off the stage. They have caused a brilliant stir. If a little humourless, they are

the numbers in and are at the point of inspiration.

They have enchanted us for a while and gained unqualified admiration. It is as much as they, or anyone else from any generation, can hope for. They may now yearn for a more timeless and incomparable fame. It will elude them, as it has others. "Born of the sun," Spender wrote, "they travelled a short while towards the sun. And left the vivid air signed with their honour." That is about it.

Students prepare for Welsh

By David Hands

ENGLAND will attempt to build on the ground prepared by their university colleagues at Bristol on Wednesday evening when they play Wales in a student international at Newbury today. In the universities match, the Welsh were beaten 30-13, but England Students must retrieve the drive lost on their last

outing against the French. Since that 22-9 defeat in Ramonville, Craig Barrow, from Exeter University, has been brought into the side at

No. 8 against a Welsh team including Luc Evans, capped as a replacement against France last September, at full back and Matthew McCarthy, whose precocious play at stand-off half, initially with Aberavon but latterly with

Neath, has attracted the attention of the Irish selectors. Wednesday's win, when England scored five tries all converted by Duncan Willett. earned the universities' the "triple crown" since Scotland and Ireland had already been beaten. England Students could yet match that: they have beaten Scotland and play Ireland next month before the squad for the student world cup is finalised.

□ Widnes defend the Lancashire Cup in confident mood on Sunday after scoring five tries against Waterloo in the semi-finals. They play Vale of Lune in the final at Preston Grasshoppers with a side including at full back Les Whitfield, a member of the XV that played in the 1976 final.

or to see, the best. And the best, sport being changeable, is fixed in time and subject to a sentimental view. No one performer of an age, a Mar-ciano, can be compared with

Barry John or Phil Bennett? Jon Webb for J. P. R. Williams? Probyn, Moore and Leonard for the Pontypool front row? Richards or Rodber for Mervyn Davies? Dooley for Martin? Skinner and Winterbottom for any combi-nation of flankers from any of the Seventies grand slam sides. Carling for Dawes as

England, by fulfilling their that they have created their

For a brief time in the

BY KEITH MACKLIN than Davies yesterday when the Widnes and Wales stand-

off half had to pull out of the Great Britain team to play France in the World Cup game at Hull tomorrow. Davies, who captained the British side in the victory at Perpignan, suffered a calf injury in the championship game against Halifax last Sunday, and is one of several points."

| Trafford Borough may injuries which, according to the Great Britain team man-

ager Maurice Lindsay. have "devastated" the training preparations In addition to Davies, Britam will be without Ian Lucas, Bernard Dwyer, Chris Rudd and Michael Jackson, as well as the long-term absentees, Ellery Hanley, Martin Offiah and Garry Schofield. There are two new caps in

Alan Hunte, the St Helens wing, and Allan Bateman, Warrington's Welsh centre. The absence of Davies and Schofield means that Darryl Powell, the Sheffield Ragles all-rounder, plays at stand-off half, partnering Shaun Edwards of Wigan, who returns to captain the side after missing the Perpignan game due to club commitments. Indeed. Wigan are well repre-sented. Their powerful forward, Andy Platt, is named as a substitute on his return from injury. There will be a third new cap if Steve McNamara, of Hull, comes off the replacements' bench.

Graham Steadman retains his full back position, and Lee Crooks is again at prop forward with the injury to Lucas. Edwards said yesterday: "People are talking about us getting revenge for a Headingley defeat two years ago when I was captain, but the most important thing is for us to get World Cup

have to postpone Sunday's third division home game with Whitehaven following the refusal of the Rugby League Council to sanction the playing of their last four home games at Blackpool Mechanics football ground. Struggling Borough have parted company with Altrinoham Football Chub, and will move to Blackpool Arena next season as Blackpool Gladiators. The council rejected the request because Mechanics' ground has not been inspected by the league's safety and standards representatives.

STRICLARDS PEOPESSINATIVES.

GHEAT BRITAIN: Q Separation (Cantle-lord): P Eastwood (-hat), G Cornolly (St Heisens), A Barbarran (St Heisens), A Hurris (St Heisens); D Powell (Shaffield Engles), S Edwards (Migan, capt); L Croths (Cartleston), M Dewnolt (Végan), K Sternott (Wigan), D Batts (Wigan), K Februars, Beschard Nachmans (Végan), K Februars, Beschard Nachmans (-ha), J Dewensus, (Midnes), A Platt (Migan), F Charmotts, G Midnes, A Platt (Migan), F Charmotts, Gaint-Eatevel, P Enges (Fis), C Potts (Saint-Eatevel), P Hurris (Batts), P Midnesse (Pa), C Borrardous (Alb), Q Delipach (Villensuvel), J Pach-(Limon), Substitutes: P ABeres (Toutuse), P Torreites (Fis), P Bornall (MI Calabet), P Marginet (Buint-Eatevel).

the front, has looked very ley Street and 12-1 bar. Nineteen stood their ground for the Champlon at good recently, particularly when outpacing Gran Alba yesterday's five-day stage. They are: Bank View, Chirkunder a masterly ride from Peter Scudamore at Wincan-

ton. Davies, a polished and par, Fidway, Granville determined horseman, will Again, Jungle Knife, Kribensis, Mardood, Minorettes make an ideal replacement for Smith Eccles Girl, Morley Street, Nomadic Way, Oh So Risky, Propero. Fidway is currently a 7-1 Royal Derbi, Royal Gait, Rulchance with Ladbrokes and a

tions if anything went wrong. I'd never be able to forgive Derby and Oaks entries fall again

Oaks fell again this year, 1989 when 169 were entered lending support to Epsom's in the Derby and 151 in the decision to change the system

Tim Neligan, managing di-rector of United Racecourses, Derby entries are down by three to 115 while the Oaks said vesterday: "This is further has auracted only 98, a drop vindication of our board's decision to introduce the new

ENTRIES for the Derby and has steadily declined since 1993 Ever Ready Derby. last December with 634

Details of the entries for this year's Derby, which again has a guaranteed purse of £600,000, will be announced on March 19, the opening day Interest in the two classics yearling entry formula for the of the turf Flat season.

good, deteriorates, Nomadic Way and Ruling, second and

third respectively behind Morley Street in the Champion Hurdle 12 months ago. are more likely to run in the Bonus Print Stayers' Hurdle. Ladbrokes vesterday opened a book on the season's top staying hurdle, for which there are 22 five-day acceptors, and make Trapper John 5-2 favourite. They then bet: 5-1 Crystal Spirit, Forest Sun,

Valiant Boy and Winnie The

Unless the going, currently

6-1 Nomadic Way, 10-1 Ruling, 12-1 bar. Deep Sensation is 7-2 favourite with Hills for the Arkle Trophy, which has 18 acceptors. Other prices: 9-2 Young Pokey, 13-2 Tinry-land, 8-1 Mass Appeal, 10-1 Valrodian, 12-1 bar.

Ladbrokes setback, page 19

TENNIS

Form points to Wilkinson

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

ON FORM, Chris Wilkinson should end today as the winner of the \$50,000 LTA Satellite circuit and with another 38 ATP ranking points safely stowed away. His opponent in the final at the David Lloyd Club in Eastbourne is Johan Donar, a Swede ranked 500 who upset Jeremy Bates in a topsy-turvy semi-final yesterday, but who has lost to Wilkinson in all three legs of the circuit so far.

It has been a long hard month for both Wilkinson and Bates, but the former, who reached his third final with a 6-1, 7-6 win over the No. 3 seed, Brian Joelson, seems to have lasted the better. His only sign of the jitters came in the second set tiebreak which he finally took 8-

Having won the first set comfortably enough, Bates disintegrated in the second as the effects of playing 29 matches, singles and doubles, in 22 days began to take its toll and he finally ran out of steam. losing 1-6, 6-0, 6-4 to the unknown Swede.

Wilkinson's recent success has already brought its reward. Along with his coach, Jonathan Smith, he has been recruited by the Royal Berk-shire Club in the new singlesbased British national league, which will belatedly bring Britain in line with stronger European nations such as France and Germany.

The league, which is due to begin in 1993 with a premier division of 12 teams being fed by a host of regional and county leagues, has already attracted entries from nearly 1,000 teams, men and women, spread across 44 counties. The enthusiasm and immediacy of the re-sponse has delighted Ian Pea-

cock, chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association

"It's shown very clearly that clubs want to compete. The club league is the lifeblood of German tennis and it's very important that our own clubs have something to aspire to, something to stimulate competition so that they can raise their own profiles," he said.

The LTA is looking for a suitable sponsor and it will take time before it reaches the standards of prestige and professionalism of the German Bundesliga or even the French leagues. The top 12 clubs in this year's knockout Puma Cup will form the premier league for next year and there will be play-offs for promotion to all leagues in 1993 and automatic relegation.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: C Wilkinson (GB) bt B Josison (US), 8-1, 7-8, J Donar (Swe) bt J Bates (GB), 1-6, 6-0, 6-4.

England's coach is confident

AS DEFENDING champions. England will be hoping to stamp their authority on the home countries under-21 tournament in Dumfries this weekend when they open their programme against Wales (Alix Ramsay writes).

Their coach, Lynne Robinson, admits to being quietly confident and feels she has got the right balance of new caps and experienced players.

will be fit to play, having recovered fully from a thigh strain. "Even though we haven't

beaten Wales when we should have done in the past, it's a good match to begin with before things get really tough against Ireland and Scotland," Robinson said.

A lot will depend on the performances of Carolyn Reid. Jo Green and Lucy The team captain, Sally Eyre. Youngs who will be asked to

provide a steadying influence. The crucial match takes place on Sunday, when England take on Scotland, who will be looking to Rhona Simpson to reproduce the goalscoring form she has shown recently in league games.

Simpson scored six for Heriot Watt against Aberdeen last week and Robinson knows that, on home ground, the Scots will be particularly difficult to beat

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Sillars Stalker to defy penalty AT ONE stage, 1991 was to be Lynda Ramsden's last as a have won six races between to Sillars Stalker than Handicap Hurdle can go to them. Tanfirion Bay, who is Villa Recos, whose only run To the delight of their In the circumstances, Jack penalised for winning a seller this season, in the Newbury many friends and admirers, -Ramsden, who knows the at the same course nine days race won by his better-fancied though, she and her hus-band, Jack, had a change of scored four months earlier form book inside out, could before enjoying a midwinter not have complained when With the going fast, The Sillars Stalker was given a rating of only 74 before his heart, so much so that they Argonaut has a fine chance of ise. Nickle Joe, who finished a break. repeating his course and dis-tance victory of two years ago that day, but after two previnow have a string of 49 at A half-brother to Remit-Breckenborough House, near recent race at Doncaster. tance Man, Sillars Stalker Backed down to 13-8 from Thirsk, in Yorkshire. has done nothing but imin the Horse 8 Hound Grand ous runs, looks the danger. One of those is Sillars provestnce winning a seller at talker, who is now my nap to Uttoxeter last October after

9-4, Sillars Stalker duly justified his connections confidence and he will be hard to beat today, even with a 4lb

penalty. Alton Bay, in the form that Doncaster II days ago after dessa, Rapid. Slane, enabled him to win by 12 Whitewebb and In The lengths at Plumpton in Nov-

he will be ridden by the experienced Gerald Oxley. Recently, they limbered up for the occasion with a commendable third under top weight in a handicap won by Deadline at Fakenham.

stable companion. Cokenny Boy, held out plenty of prom-

Military Gold Cup, in which . At Carlisle, the Edinburgh Woollen Mill Novices Chase. can go to Strong Approach. who stayed on strongly to thwart horses of the calibre of Houghton and Gale Again in a similar race at Newcastle last month.

FORM FOCUS GOLDEN FRIEND %4 2nd of 14 to Brunton Park in this race lest term (good to soil) with BOB TISOALL (14th batter off) 48 3rd, bitCATORSHIP 50 6th. THE ARRONAUT tabled of 5th. TIS ALL VERY FINE RepONAUT tabled of 5th. TIS ALL VERY FINE Rel and PENSIONER PATCH unsested rider, SENATOR OF ROME 4 2nd of 10 to Easthaw in Ludlow (2nd 47, good to firm) handicap chase penultimate start. Previously 95th 3rd of 10 to 18 third in Line in Wincarston (3nd 11, good to firm) handicap chase. 3.40 BALVENIE MALT WHISKY HANDICAP HURDLE Long handlespt See Buck 9-13, Nickie Joe 9-10, BETTING: 9-4 Villa Recos, 7-2 Nickie Joe, 4-1 Yellow Spring, 5-1 Dark Honey, 8-1 See Buck, 10-1 Badrate - 12-1 On His Cvers. 1991: ROSITARY 8-10-3 M Perrett (2-1 tav) S Mellor 10 ran

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SEA BUCK 18% 5th of 11 to Eventido in Newbury	Selection: DARK HONEY
4.10 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER MENO	RIAL HUNTER CHASE

BETTING: 7-4 Deer Creet, 3-1 Scrumpy Country, 5-1 Tartevie, 6-1 Ston Rouge, 8-1 Burnswerk, 12-1 Opton Two, The Betwick, 18-1 others. 1991: PRINCE NEPAL 7-11-11 G Oxley (2-1 fav) R Chempion 10 ren FORM FOCUS

BLIFINSWARK, recent point-to-point winner, beet Didwino (si in 15-runner Cartinel (3m 1f. firm) meiden hunter chase lest season. DEER CREST beet Didwy Time 2 at Hiptism (good to firm). Smart pointer, BTON ROUSE 27(s) 4th of 7 to Hotpiase in Uttoweter (3m 2f. good) ameteur riders' handloop.

4.40 LILAC NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,819; 2m) (6 runners) 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

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ı	3 SSFP00 DUBALEA 14 (F,S) (Mrs H Fraed) J Heldane 9-11-8 A Metrigan (4 PF/PPP0 AUTURN SPORT 41 (F,G) (C Jenkins) G Richards 11-11-8 N Deughty =
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	8 P06528 MISTER MODOY 17, (BF) (R Bowden) J Johnson 7-11-2 A Orkney = 10 0P0-231 DONTPUSHME 148 (D,F) (Miss A Strangeway) B Elson 11-11-0 A Multiplitand
	11 P4033P MAGWOOD 31 (S) (R Green) C Parker 12-10-13 Mr D Parker (7)
	12 25360-0 DERWENT WATERS 10 (B) (J Pointon) Alies S Witton 5-10-8
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2.20 Old Peg. 2.50 Beauchamp Fizz. 3.20 Lady Token. 3.55 Proverbial Luck. 4.25 Elegant Stranger. 4.55 Ringmore. 5.25 Secret Castle.

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN STRAIGHT)

2.20 CRANWELL SELLING HURDLE (£1,418: 2m 1f) (7 runners)

2.50 SCAMPTON MAIDEN CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 1f) (9)

1 0-40 PONENTINO 127 G Kelly 5-11 9. . Mr S Brisby (7) 2 36-R CHRÖNOLOGICAL 21F (V) M Tompkins 5-11-7 R Campbell 3 322F BEAUCHAMP FIZZ 10 (BF) M Pipe 4-11-4 F SOMMOTHER MARCH 15 (B) J Briant 6-11-3 5 80P5 SDASH STAR 18 P Hait 6-11-2 D J Barry (7) 5 80P5 SDASH STAR 18 P Hait 6-11-2 S Davies (3) 6 96-0 HAYLET'S LASS 9 J Bradley 6-11-1, Mr. G Lewis (7) 7 9023 E-VETT BRIDGE 18 D Francis 4-11-0. 8 P BRIGTIMA 5 J Bradley 4-10-12 D Tegg 9 5046 MAIDEN OF IRON 6 (8) J McConnective 4-10-12

3.20 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,547: 3m) (11) PIE MASTER CORNET IS (CO,G) & Rolling 7/11/3 2 5PO- BEARNA NA GAOITHE 357 (F) M Tomplus 10-10-10 R Campbell 3 FUPO DARTINGTON BLAKE 11 J Dooler 8-10-10 M Worthington
4 -PSF FOXY SOY 11 J Legh 9-10-10... R Marley
5 4P JOLLY JUNIOR 8 R Tale 9-10-10... Mars F Needbar
6 FESS PRECIOUS MEMORIES 11 (8,6) J Legh 7-10-10
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19 4394 APRIL'S BABY 25 Man C Cavos 6-10-5 Min J Described 19 5000 CNOC AN ORR 11 (D.G) C Broad 8-10-5 Marsin Jones 11 -322 LADY TOKEN 126 (F) H Gil 8-10-5.... Mirs A Farrell 11-4 Master Comet, 4-1 Precious Memories, 5-1 Lady Token, 6-1 This Nettle Danger, 6-1 April's Baby, 10-1 others

2.30 Cellito. 3.00 Pop To Stans. 3.30 Super Benz.

4.00 Horizon. 4.30 Persussins. 5.00 Cool Enough.

2.30 Ingenuity. 3.00 Eastleigh. 3.30 Meeson Times. 4.00 Horizon. 4.30 Qualitair Rhythm. 5.00 Quinzii Martin.

2.30 RUFFORD MAIDEN APPRENTICE

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7-4 Pop To Stans, 7-2 Patrician Magician, 4-1 Eastleigh, 5-1 Lord Naskra, 8-1 Monti Beppo, 12-1 others.

HANDICAP (22,089: 07) (b)

1 01-6 SUPPER BENZ 41 (CD,F,G,S) T Paintural 6-10-0

2 0-04 TIGANI 23 (B,D,F,S) D Chapman 69-11... S Wood 3

3 100- ASTERIX 155 (V,D,F) D Bradley 4-9-9... J Williams 8

4 1816 MEESON TIMES 29 (C,D,F,S) 8 Elect 4-8-12

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5 -150 SUPPER NEIGHTS 11 (B,CD,F) M-A WHAN 4

4-9-6 Date Gloson 1

8 0-08 FACTURILE 14 (F,B,S) D R Tucker 5-7-8 G Bardwell 5

9-4 Messon Times, 3-1 Super Benz, 7-2 Asteria, 9-2 Super Heights, 8-1 Tigani, 18-1 Factualis.

3.30 EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY

1 2114 POP TO BTANS 14 (CD,EF,F) T Barron 9-7

STAKES (£2,343: 8f) (11 runners)

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THUNDERER

GOING: STANDARD

3.55 BEAUMONTCOTE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,576: 3m) (7)

1 3-06 PROVERBIAL LUCK 13 (D.F) Mas C Saunders 8-12-5 J Greenall C 1P/3 LORD PURNA 9 (8F.F) M Somersby 10 12-0 3 P00/ PADOYS BOREEN 2041 E Negle 12-12 0 M Sowersby [7]
4 23/5 WAGES OF SIN 9 (0,F) R Green 13 12 0 k Green (7)
5 D05/ BARRGEMMA 1583 Mr. 5 Molen 11 11 9 Mes J Davly (7)
6 64P EBONY SPRING 307 Mr. P Barrioge 9 11 9
7 PAISLEY PARK P Winter 7 11 9 P Winks (7)
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4.25 CONINGSBY HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,040: 2m 6f) (10) 2 43F2 ELEGANT STRANGER 13 (F.G.S) O Brennan 7-12-0 M Britisham
2 43F2 ELEGANT STRANGER 13 (F.G.S) M Tompkers 7-11 R
P Smith English (7)
3 F-80 COUTURE STOCKINGS 27 (D.F.G.) J Macker 8-10-13 4 3440 HARD TO HOLD 31 (F.G.S) D Esden 9 109 Mr A Hambly 5 9453 MR TAYLOR 11 (F) H Collegador 104 V Smith 6 1614 SIGNOR SASSE 32 (G.S) N Tevicr 4 102 P Scucamore 7 3153 WHAT IF 29 (C.F.G) D Bromon 8 100 Helen Bromon 8 0000 LOBRIC 23 (B.F.G) J Jenkins 7:104 MW Worthwater 10 PPP- SKUDDY LAD 357 (S) S Smith 10-10-0

3-1 Elegant Stranger 7.2 Threcoutoffour 9.2 Mr Taylor 6-1 Sig-nor Sesse 7.1 What It, 10-1 Hard To Hold, 12-1 others 4.55 WADDINGTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,623: 2m 17) (4) 1 P-0P WOLFHANGAR 113 (D.F.G.S) Mass C Caron 10-12 0

2 2841 TRESIDOER 15 (CD.F.G.S) M W Easterby to 11 12 3 3/1F RINGMORE 16 (CO.BF.F.G.S) J Parket 10:10 4 -6F3 ENSHARP 13 J Leigh 6:10 0 5-6 Tresider, 2:1 Ringmore 9-2 Ensharp, 16-1 Wolfhangar

5.25 TOFT NEWTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,422: 1m 6f) (9)

PACE (1.1,422: 1m or (9)

POOROWD BILL J. Balding 6.11-6 S Harns (7)

INITIAL JAY 91 G Kelly 5.11 Mr S Brisby (7)

DAN LAUR 11 J McCorrochie 4-11 0 W Doron (7)

FINAL MEASURE Mrs P Barber 4.11 0 W Doron (7)

3 LASCAR 20 G Thomes 4-11-0 D Bridgwater (3)

M MAN AMONG MEN 24 J Bradley 4-110 Mr G Lewis (7)

B RASEAMILLION 41 K Burke 4-11 0 R Bellamy

REACH FOR THE MOON 8 Whisher 4-11 0 9 4 SECRET CASTLE 15 M H Examp, ÷110 L Makerey (7)

8-4 Lescor, 3-1 Secret Casile, 5-1 Man Among Men. 6-1 Resea. Indion, 8-1 Dan Laur. 10-1 Poorowd Bill, 14-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: M Pipe, 17 symmers from 48 runners, 35 4%, N Tuhlor, 24 from 74, 32 4%, M W Essierby, 17 from 67, 25 4%, M Tomplore, 3 from 14, 21 4%, M H Essierby, 13 from 62, 21 0%, O Brennan, 13 from 99, 13,1% JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 13 months 13,176
JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 11 winners from 23 rides
47 8%, M Bowloy, W Dwan 3 from 15, 20 0%, Mr S Swiers
4 from 21, 19 0%, Mrs A Faired, 3 from 16, 18 8%, A
Campbell, 3 from 17, 17 6%, M Brennen, 19 from 126,
15 1%

4.00 MILTON HANDICAP (£2,226: 1m 41) (7) 1 4-42 ARMY OF STARS 14 (D,F,G,S) C Britton 7-9-13
B Doyle (S) 3
2 5123 LE TEMERAIRS 9 (C,D,F) N Tinider 6-9-4 Kim Tinider 5
3 06-1 HORIZON 14 (B,C)D,F,G) T Theresen Jenes 4-8-3
D Doyle (S) 2
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Safty Redford-Howes (7) 7
5 /321 UNPAID MEMBER 7 (C,D,S) J Wharton 8-9 1 (Sat)
3 Terming (8) 4
6 436- BROOM ISLE 125J (F) Mrs A Knight 4-7-7
E Nogac (8) 2

7 1044 MISSISSIPPI BEAT 8 (V,D) M Naughton 5-7-7 C Hamissipy (7) 8

4.30 TUXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (£2,206: 1m) (10)

S-4 Persussius, 3-1 Restless Nece, 4-1 Qualitar Rhythm, 8-1 Oka Row, 7-1 Danzig Lad, 10-1 Kay's Dilemma, 12-1 others

5.00 m (£2,343: 7f) (11)

1106 DOULAB'S MAGE 37 (CD) J Glover 5-10-0 3 D Williams (7) 9 2 0-10 FOOLISH TOUCH 21 (CO.BF.F.G.S) W Masson 10-98 P Bowe (7) 10 3 0-00 ARMATTI 14 (D.F.G) D R Tucker 4-95.... G Berdweil 3 4 2213 CIJINZII MARTIN 21 (V) D Heydn Jones 4-9-10 J Williams 6 5 4106 STRIP CARTOON 14 (B,C) 5 Bowing 48? 8 05-8 COOL ENOUGH 9 (D.F.G.8) Mrs J Remeden 11-8-0
10 0-00 PMG PONG 9 (8.C) T Ferthural 47-11 J Ferming (S) 8
11 8-50 HAWAR STORM 42 Man A Whiteled 47-7 N Adems 11
1 Doublin Improve 41

3-1 Doulab's Image, 4-1 Strip Carteon, 5-1 Cool Enough, 6-1 Foolish Touch, 7-1 Culnzi Menn, 8-1 Mes Kright, 10-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: B Elison, 3 warners from 9 jumpers, 33.3%, Lord Huntangdon, 5 from 17, 29.4%, T Barron, 51 from 201, 25.4%, W O'Gorman, 22 from 112, 19.6%, W Happas, 6 from 33, 16.2%; W Pearse, 11 from 62, 17.7% JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 52 winners from 182 ndes, 28.6%, D Necrolis, 15 from 95, 15 8%. Emma O Gorman, 18 from 117, 15.4%, G Corser, 27 from 176, 15.3%, W Ryen, 10 from 86, 15.2%, D Harrison, 3 from 20, 15.0%

FESTERDAY SHESPLTS

Going: good (good to firm in places)
2.00 (2m hdie) 1, THE SLATER (P Corey,
8-1): 2, Around The Horn (6 McNell, 141): 3, Jack Snipe (J Frost, 50-1). ALSO
RAN: 4-7 fav Sydmonton (1), 11-2 Steeple
Jack (5th), 10 Jump Start (ro), 33 Clever
Artist, Mr Invader, 50 Crooked Dealer, 68
Dawn Chanca (4th), Custy Dey, Tell You
What, Crecking Angels (6th), Facts And
Figures (ur), The Ousker (f), 15 ran. 12,
101, 104, 2M, et hd. W G M Tumer at
Sherbourne. Tote: £7.30; £1.70, £2.70,
23.40. DF: £56.20, CSF. \$102.51. Going: good (good to soft in places)
2.20 (2m hole) 1, Hard To Get (Ann Stelet), 33-1); 2, Light-Hearted Laby (8-1); 4 ran. 1/1, 121. M Berraciough Tote: £84.40, £14.60, £1.20, £2.70. DF £22.91.0 CSF £60.51.
Tricest, £708.50. No bid. 3-20 (2m ch) 1, Jiroy Jack (N Doughty, 5-6 fee); 2, Island Jetsetter (3-1); 3, Slue Bourbon (5-1), 6 ran. 4, St. G Richards, Tote: \$1.90; \$1.30, \$2.00. DF, \$2.30 CSF, \$2.57. E3.40. DF: E55.20. CSF. E102.51.

(2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, KILHALLON CASTLE
(P. Scudamore, 1-3 tay), 2, Lucky Lane (C. Maude, 6-1); 3, Wilbur (J. Frost, 11-1).

ALSO RAN: 18 Romany Spite (ur), 40
Rewisbury (4th), 50 Molojes (pu), 56 Nellen (pu), Northern Heather (pu), 58 nm. 41, dist, dist. N Twieton-Davies at Chellenham. Tole £1 40; £1.20, £1.40, £1.20. DF-£2.00. CSF: \$2.81. Tote Ct 90; £1.90, £2.00 DF, £3.30 CSF, £3.50 (2m 61 ch) 1, Polygonum (Mr W Burnell, 20-1); 2, Seebelat (11-8 fav); 3, Lordy Boy (25-1), 14 ran. 4, 20t. W Burnell, Tote: £25.20; £4.70, £1.60, £3.60. DF £32.50 CSF, £44.56 4.29 (2m hote) 1, Jaikarroll (M Pitman, 13-2); 2, Sovereion Sound (3-1), 3, Hangover (11-10 fav), 15 ran. NR, Laimon, 12, rk Mrs. J. Pitman, Tote £5.00; £1.30, £1.30, £1.30, £1.40, £7.61, £7.52 (2t) Kid (7-1); 3, Wings Of Freedom (5-1); 4, Mariners Secret (12-1) Fino Evens tav. 16 ran NR: Shoreham Lady, 41, 354. N Twiston-Daves, Tote: £8.00; £1.20, £2.10, £1.50, £4.10 DF, £1.80, CSF, £1.00 Placepot: £38.80. 2200. CSF: 52.81.
3.00 (2m 5f ch) 1. RAMBLING SONG (Mr R Farrard, 9-2); 2. Popeswood (R Durwoody, 10-1); 3. Rare Bid (A Tory, 11-1). ALSO RAM: 138 fav Shiparright, 4 R4 For Firing (4th), 8 Mister Feethers (5th). 50 Upstanding (8th), 7 nn. St, 101, 121, 6, 23. T Foreter at Wantage. Tote. 55 10; 72.50, 52.10. DF: \$18.40, CSF: \$28.04. 22.70. DF: 218.40. CSF: 238.04.
3.30 (2m hdie) 1, GOLD MEDAL (P Scudamors, 4-7 tav); 2, Hensey Regatts (A Maguire, 9-9), 3, Bernget Tiger (R Dunwordy, 7-1), ALSO RAN; 33 Mendy (pu), 65 Ane His (4th), 5 ran, 214, 25, 301, M Pipe at Wellington, Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.40.
DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.23.
4.00 (2m St ch) 1, BROUGHTON MANOR (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1); 2, Deadly Charm (R Dunwoody, 1-3 tav); 3, Camden Belle (W Ivine, 8-1), ALSO RAN; 50 Combeblury Lane (pu), 5tar Of Kuwari (4th), Turkish Star (f), 86 Strike A Chord (pu), 7 ran, 51, 25, 301, Mrs. J. Reiber at Evelar Tote: £3.90; £1.90, £1.10. DF. £1.50. CSF: £6.81.

C150 DF: 1280 CSF: 15.78.
4.10 (2m 44 Indie) 1. Northern Village (A. Duchan, 6-4 lay) 2. Abertoyle (2-1), 3. Lady Poly (100.50), 6 ran 101, 81, 5 Dow 1ota, 1220; C1.30, 1200 DF: C150 CSF: 2-30 Salor Boy refused to race but came under orders rule 4 applies, deduction 20p in pound Stakes on Salor Boy refunded:
4.40 (2m ftst) 1. Who's Next (A Wingate, 4-1); 2. West Bank (11 10 lay), 3. Toa Lady (8-1), 4 ran 71, 81, J Jenkins. Tota 123.20 DF: 25 10 CSF: 128 B8

Tomorrow The Times presents the chance to win luxury visits to the Martell Grand National at Aintree on April 4.

4.30 (3m 1/1 ch) 1, WELLINGTON BROWN (Mr M Batters, 6-4 fsv); 2, Double Silkt (Mr R Treloggen, 6-1); 3, Batlyaden (Mr P Schofield, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 4 Conreale (8th), 10 Roving Seel (8th), 14 kmpy Conder (pu), 16 Dawn Prnce (pu), 20 Beach Grove (pu), 25 Strong Bond (pu), Last Extravagence (4th), 28 Batlyneety (pu), 5 Sterry Meadow (pu), 66 Bettly's Pearl, Corston Led (pu), Dewn Sega (pu), 15 rsh. NR: Misblid. 1141, 301, 101, 31, 161, 161, 170, et 180, et 2.90, DF: £10 40. CSF: £11.01.

210 40 CSF: £11.01.
5.00 (2m hdis) 1, MOTTRAM'S GOLD (M
A Fitzgeraid, 5-2 tay); 2, Tomahawik (D
Matthiyeve, 4-1); 3, Carbonate (J Neaves,
12-1); ALSO FAN 3, Landyap, 13-2 Front
Page (8th), 14 Moors Styksh (5th), 16 Imperial Fight, Final Sound (4th), 20 Sharpgun, 50 Point Meda, Nacona, 11 ren. NR:
Poliock, 51, 2, nk, 15, 2 May J Fetter at
Exeter, Tota: 53-26, £1.40, £1.80, £2.80.
DF: 23.60, CSF, £12.77, Thoset: \$32, £4.

Omerta set

to return OMERTA, last year's Irish National winner, returns to action at the Cheltenham festival in either the Fulke Walwyn Kim Muir Challenge Cup on Tuesday or the Ritz Club National Hunt Handi-

cap Chase on Thursday.
Adrian Maguire, who partnered Omerta to victory in the Kim Muir and the Irish National last year, will again be in the saddle if the horse runs in the Ritz. However, Stan Murphy, who has been riding with success in Irish point-to-points, is likely to ride if Omerta runs in the amateur riders' race

Point-to-point results

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Richards relieved to retire unhurt

BY SYMON BARNES

dd how the world changes. Imagine, a few years ago, hav-ing a beer with Viv Richards, talking — laughing — about South Africa's chance of beating West Indies in oneday cricket. And Viv all mellow and giggling and shak-ing his head and saying. I never thought it would happen in my time."

Everything is changing. able as Vivian, a man famous for great rages, but a man equally capable of great mellowness. "Older and mellower," he said. "Wiser,

If ever cricket had a colossus, it was he. Now preparing to start a new season with, of all teams, Glamorgan, while the World Cup world away, Richards was in this country for a couple of days to promote a video", buy a new pair of boots, have a beer. You could not wish for easier company. Can this really be the man who shouted down the Antigua press-

There is the very faintest air of relief about him. He seems happy to be facing the gentler challenge of Gla-morgan, after the mad in-tensity of all those years of international cricket. And he stresses how glad he was that his last Test series - in England last summer — was so tranquil: "Cricket as it ought to be played. It would have been nice to win 5-0 but opponents who are beat-en 5-0 are often not too pleased. I positively feel it was nice to have that

Richards is in a period of transition now, halfway between being the world's leading cricketer and living the rest of his life: "I did make myself available for the World Cup, I wanted to play, though not to be cap-tain. I thought maybe I could put together some ones and twos, maybe even

"But they thought different. And no, I won't be playing against South Africa when they play us in the Test match in Barbados. It is a prestigious sort of occasion, but the important thing for West Indies cricket is to rebuild. Everyone is curious to

"The problems in South Africa still exist. I just hope the hardliners in South Afri-



Facing the future with a smile: as his cricket career reaches an end, Richards is looking forward to spending more time at home

in Third World govern-

ments. Everyone says, 'we will change it,' and they get

in and everything continues

their international teams in cricket and soccer and whatever, participating and mixing with all different groups and races all over the world, and that this will help with the speedy dismantling of apartheid."

asked if he fancied tak-ing on South Africa with his all-powerful team of the Eighties, and his face lit up like a fruit machine. That would have been wonderiuli i would have relished

"But now, instead, I have these two years left with Glamorgan After that, I will retire. I know I shall miss cricket. But I must gradually unwind. Now I look forward to spending much more time at home."

Richards is relishing the hiatus: genuinely touched by the warmth he feels from everyone at Glamorgan,

contemplating his turbulent past as batsman-destroyer and captain-volcano, and his likely future in a world more turbulent than anything even cricket can come

That is, of course, Caribbean politics. "People say a batsman as good as me should have scored more runs, but what was more important to me was the people who came around and the chances you have given the people. I enjoyed what I did for the people."

The people. Talk politics with Viv. and he talks only of

The People: "If the people are crying out for me, then I want to represent them, because of my firm beliefs.
The problem in Antigua is corruption, and we need some respectability. Every-

one is like a relay runner,

with his hand stretched out.

You fill his hand and he's

gone. You find it all the time

the same as before. "I would like to turn that uround. To say to the Caribbean people, you can have faith in me. I want to prove to the Caribbean people

that things can be run hon-estly and well. Too many people are in office for the benefits of office. I want those benefits too — I want to benefit The People."

socialist "I see my-self as a guy who honestly cares about the welfare of the people. What do you think—does that put me in the category of being a

Clearly, Richards has what it takes to be a conviction politician. As a diplo-mat, his record is sporty, to say the very least. His love of confrontation has always beca his weakness as well as his strength: but this has times losing sight of the main goal in pursuit of a smaller vendetta, but domibeen true of many a British

Richards has a similar sense of the inextricability of personal and national ambition, though his belief is for, rather than against, federation. "Cricket alone enables us to unite the people of the Caribbean. Cricket has done what we should have done officially a long time ago. East Germany has reunited with the West; Europe is moving closer together; why can we not do this in the

politician, Margaret That-

cher to game but out.

Richards is not going to be a nimble-footed type of itician. He has dropped bricks already, notably alienating Caribbean people with Indian, nuber than African, roots. But with the batsman you saw, inevita-

Carribbean?

bly, the man; unflinching. prone to the occasional spectacular error, some-

nated, above all. by a sense of destiny: personal destiny, yes, but also something beyoud that. Richards has always seen himself as a representative: of country, of region and of race. In short, The People. He has always found the greatest strength in this wider sense of self. His country, his region and his race — many people — have found strength and inspira-tion in what he has done.

Now onwards. To, per-haps, the presidential resi-dence in St John's, Antigua — but, naturally, via Cardiff. Still a little cricket left. □ Viv Richards: Hitting Across the Line (Chrysalis Home Video, 60min:

West Indies lack discipline

Pringle collects four top-order scalps in 11 balls

IN CHRISTCHURCH

FT WAS almost as though the West Indians went out of their way in the World Cup here yesterday to make the South Africans feel at ease. This first match ever played between the two was won by South Africa by 64 runs, the West Indians giving one of their more slapdash performances. Unless I am much mistaken, the West Indians are missing Vivian Richards

Although 14,641 people turned up to watch, it was an oddly low-key affair. Both captains made the point that their sides were focusing strictly on the cricket. There

were no political trappings. The match itself was no different from any other, except that it began with Ali Bacher, who has done more than anyone to bring South Africa's cricketing isolation to an end, being on hand, after the toss, to have a cordial exchange with Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain. "I've been playing cricket for a good many years with South Africans now, Richardson said, "without meeting one I didn't like. I hope it stays that way." And so say all of us.

There was some fairly ordinary cricket played. In reaching 200 for eight off their 50 overs, after being put in on a morning that promised well for bowlers, the South Africans kept gening themselves into a promising position. only for a wicket to fall.

Six of them reached the twenties, but only Kirsten went any further, and he did it with a runner after slightly straining a calf muscle. He is so much South Africa's best bataman at the moment that there is no one they could less afford to lose.

The West Indian ground fielding was as bridgy as it can have been for a long time. But they held some good catches. Lara's at backward cover, diving to his left for a hard slash by Hudson, was a brilliant effort, and he and Haynes both held on to awk-

wardly steep skiers.

Benjamin and Cummins

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are not to be compared with any of the great West Indian fast bowlers of recent years, and it does not come naturally to Ambrose to have to pitch the ball up, as he must in one day cricket.

Before the World Cup started, South Africa felt they should beat New Zealand and Sri Lanka, but that they might struggle against Australia and West Indies. If their first three matches had gone against such expectations, it seemed unlikely that this one would when West Indies went in needing to score at only four runs an over to win and Lara soon thumped Pringle twice to the

cover boundary. But this was to be Pringle's day. He was a little lucky to be playing at all; having taken no wicket for 52 against Australia in his only previous match in the competition. Also, he must still have been wondering how to recover the quite substantial sum of money the management had advanced him to ring up his girlfriend, but which he had dropped down the hotel lift

He is, I am assured, somewhat accident-prone, and the omens were, to say the least, the ball up and seaming it around, he removed Lara. Richardson, Hooper and Arthurton in 11 balls.

In the ordinary way, it is when West Indies bowl that a pitch looks suddenly to have got mysteriously faster and more difficult. This time, the reverse was the case.

Where the West Indians had hardly moved the ball about at all, the South Africans swung it all over the place. The pitch, what is more, seemed to have quickened up, and so, as the adrenalin began to flow, did Pringle.

While 25 balls were being bowled, West Indies went from 19 for one to 19 for four, an astonishing passage of play. Rhodes held a marvellous catch down by his feet at cover point to get rid of Lara. Wessels held two at slip, and McMillan a very good one alongside him.

Haynes had to retire for a while after being hit more than once on the finger, and only Logie attacked the bowling as though to master it.

West Indies may not be much of a side these days they have now won only eight of their last 29 one-day inter-nationals — but let nothing detract from such a South African achievement.

Greatbatch ready to keep wicket

Anckland: Ian Smith, the New Zealand wicketkeeper. may miss the World Cup match against West Indies in Auckland tomorrow. He dislocated the little finger of his left hand against Zimbabwe on Monday and was unable to play an active role at yester-

day's team practice. Mark Greatbatch, who has limited experience of keeping wicket, will probably deputise if Smith is ruled out. But Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, said he would wait until just before the game before making a decision on Smith's fitness.

New Zealand, who head the World Cup table by a point, will be strengthened by the return of John Wright to open the innings. He showed no signs of his recent shoulder injury while batting at the



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in their eight-wicket victory over Australia in Sydney yesterday drew high praise from Ted Dexter, the chairman of

the England selectors. The performance in Melbourne when we beat West Indies was the best I'd seen from us but, if anything, yesterday's effort was a touch

higher still, and this was a bigger occasion," he said. "It is very exciting, particu-larly when you think back to what was happening 12 months ago. I'm thrilled to

see players we have kept faith with and others that we have brought along turn in top-

Display delights Dexter

fying programme looked like the hard part and we have come through that with flying

playing to my field - that's class performances.

The first half of the quali-

colours. But I'm sure there won't be any relaxing now."

Ian Botham, who started Australia's decline by bowl-

ing Allan Border, the Australia captain, between bat and pad, said, tongue in cheek. "Allan got a good ball, he was

the way it goes in one-day cricket." Botham won the man-of-the-match award by taking four wickets in seven balls, and following up with a typically hard-hit 53 off 79

Together with Graham Gooch, the captain, Botham put on 107 for the first wicket in 24 overs, and by the end, Australia looked thoroughly bedraggled as England won with nine overs to spare to reinforce their position as World Cup favourites.

Injury blow for Hussain

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN ST GEORGE'S, GRENADA

serious injury setback when Nasser Hussain suffered a next two weeks. "It would hairline fracture of his right index finger as he batted in the win against Barbados on Wednesday. At the earliest, Hussain will not play again before the second unofficial Test match starts in St Vincent on March 21.

No replacement is being sought but Stephen Coverdale, the tour manager, is contacting both the Test and County Cricket Board in London and England team officials in Australia to ask for an emergency replacement to be put on stand-by. One pos-sibility could be to utilise someone in the MCC party. touring the Leeward Islands.

Alan Fordham, of Northamptonshire, or Graham Cowdrey, of Kent, would be obvious candidates in the MCC team should England A have any further injuries

ENGLAND A had another during the hectic programme. they will undertake in the certainly be something of a crisis if anyone else was hurt among the batsmen," Coverdale said. Keith Fletcher, the team

manager, said Hussain was a vital cog for England, as much for his fielding as for his batting. Martyn Moxon. who fractured his left thumb in Bermuda, and Hussain had been the team's specialist catchers at first and second slip. "This badly affects our fielding," Fletcher said. Hussain will have a second

x-ray when the team reachesTrinidad next week to see how quickly his finger is healing. Should Hussain be unable to play in the second Test match, only the third Test in Barbados from March 28 to 31 remains on the tour itinerary.

cricketer. Two years ago on England's senior tour to the Caribbean he fractured his left wrist playing tennis in England start a three-day

game here today with the Windward Islands, who finished bottom of the Red Stripe Cup tournament. Morris, the captain, and

Pick could both be available after injury but the side will not be finalised until shortly before the start.

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Limpires: D Archer and L Berter. Hussain is an unlucky

from injury in time to help

overturn a two-goal deficit in

their Uefa Cup quarter-final,

the success or otherwise of

their season, realistically, is

now dependent on getting past Aston Villa in their FA

Cup quarter-final on Sunday.

Liverpool will be grateful for the home comforts of Anfield after the largely hos-

pitable but nerve-racking wel-

come given them by 40,000 passionate Genoa supporters in their marvellously-intimi-

dating Luigi Ferraris stadium

on Wednesday. Liverpool will be indebted also to the BBC for making their FA Cup-tie their feature match, thereby

affording them an extra day's

The younger Liverpool players are more likely to be

feeling drained by the mental

demands than by their physi-

cal exertions. It is, as they say,

all part of the growing-up process, but some of Liver-

pool's young men are being

asked to not so much run but

sprint before they can walk -Rob Jones, who became the

22nd player to be used by

Liverpool in European com-

petition this season, is a

Not only has he been capped by England in the

same season in which he has

been required to negotiate the hugely-difficult transforma-tion from fourth division to

first, but his first taste of

international experience has come before he had even said

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Liverpool, of course, have

the likes of Jones, McMana-

prime example.

showing that he is back to

something like the form that

won him the 1988 Scottish

Open, while Hallberg, who

stands 6ft 4in, fought back

from an opening bogey six to

collect six birdies. Day gave

the credit to his fiancee. "She

arrived this week and has helped to relax me." he said.

from a group that includes the Australian Open champi-

on, an unhappy Wayne Riley.

"I think it stinks that winning

the Australian Open does not

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☐ Hong Kong: Tom Wat-

son's sparkling 65 gave him the first-round lead in the \$250,000 Hong Kong Open.

Watson, who has not won a

years, is two strokes ahead of Britain's Ronan Rafferty.

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Final venues

Table tennis: England's European League first division championship final against Austria will be played at Salzburg (March 14) and Huli (March 20). The winner will be promoted to the super

Sierra Cosworth from the

3km (1.8-mile) special stage

at the race track in Lousada.

left Andrea Aghini, of Italy, in

Jackman on top

Squash rackets: Nineteenyear-old Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, dismissed the Irish No 1, Rebecca Best, in straight games from the second round of the Spanish Open championship in Madrid. She meets Susan Devoy, the New Zealand world champion, who has acknowledged Jackman as her likely successor, in the quarter-

BY CLIVE WHITE WHILE Liverpool may be man, Marsh and Redknapp able to cheer themselves — or is it kid themselves? — with into the deep end. Indeed, it is astonishing to think that the thought that Ian Rush McManaman and Marsh and John Barnes may recover

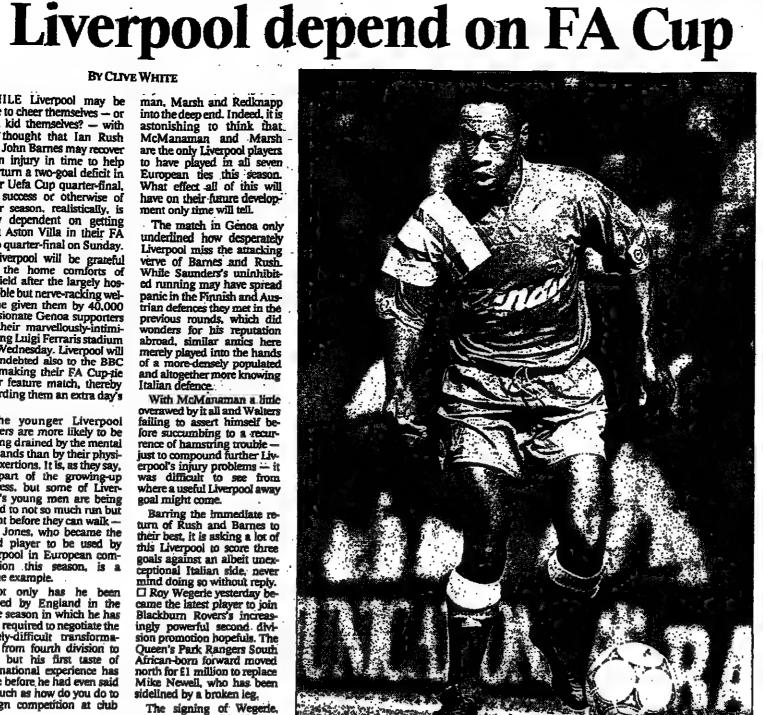
> What effect all of this will have on their future development only time will tell. The match in Genoa only underlined how desperately Liverpool miss the attacking verve of Barnes and Rush While Saunders's uninhibited running may have spread panic in the Finnish and Austrian defences they met in the previous rounds, which did

Italian defence: With McManaman a linie verawed by it all and Walters failing to assert himself before succumbing to a recur-rence of hamstring trouble — just to compound further Liverpool's injury problems — it was difficult to see from where a useful Liverpool away goal might come.

Barring the immediate re-turn of Rush and Barnes to their best, it is asking a lot of this Liverpool to score three goals against an albeit unexceptional Italian side, never mind doing so without reply. ☐ Roy Wegerie yesterday be-came the latest player to join Blackburn Rovers's increasingly powerful second division promotion hopefuls. The Queen's Park Rangers South African-born forward moved north for £1 million to replace Mike Newell, who has been

The signing of Wegerie, aged 27, takes Blackburn's spending past £4 million since Kenny Dalglish took

sidelined by a broken leg.



Further Uefa Cup success seems beyond Anfield's youngsters after a tiring defeat in Genoa

Injured again: a subdued Walters suffered hamstring problems in Genoa

Tottenham turn to Gray Red Star exploit Sampdoria's slip

peared for an hour with

Tottenham's reserves on

Wednesday. "He's kept a low profile," Shreeves said. "As I

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ANDY Gray, though ineligible for Tottenham Hotspur in Europe, is about to be given the chance to restore his own reputation and the self-re-spect of his new club. He will probably make his debut totenham's supporters and to everyone connected with the morrow in a fixture that will represent an examination of Tottenham's mental and

physical fibre. Successive defeats by Nottingham Forest in the Rumbelows Cup semi-final and by Feyenoord in the first leg of the Cup Winners Cup quarter-final have left Tottenham drained in both mind and body. Their condition is scarcely ideal for the visit of Leeds United, who could regain the first division leader-

ship.
Yet Peter Shreeves insists

ALDERSHOT yesterday saw

its professional playing staff

reduced to just ten when

David Puckett, the forward,

joined his former club.

Bournemouth, on a free

transfer. Puckett is the first

full-time player to leave the

Recreation Ground after the

dub stopped paying the play-

ers nine weeks ago.

that his line-up will be neither depleted nor submissive. "It is my duty to fleid the best possible side," he declared yesterday. "I owe that to Manchester United, to Tot-

club. Besides, we need to pick up some points ourselves. Indeed they do. Although Tottenham were on the edge of contention at the turn of the year, they have not won for two months and have plummeted towards potential danger. Their involvement in cup competitions has perhaps been subconsciously a dis-traction and could continue to be so for another formight.

signed the Leeds United for-

ward, Bobby Davison, on

loan and he could play

against Sheffield Wednesday

Steve Redmond, aged 24,

Manchester City's longest-

serving player, was yesterday

put on the transfer-list at

next week.

know from our days at Queen's Park Rangers, he's a good player and so strong." His qualities will be of no use for the return leg against The introduction of Gray Feyenoord and nor will those of both regular full backs, should act as an injection of fresh enthusiasm and they Fenwick and van den Hauwe. Suspended after receiving a second caution, they are ex-**Aldershot lose Puckett** pected to be replaced by Bergsson and Edinburgh. Sheffield United have The defence, though, will

probably not be extended. Shreeves, who accurately predicted that the Dutch cupholders would be miserably unambitious even in the de Kuip Stadium, foresees them adopting an even more negative posture at White Hart Lane. He accepts that Tottenham's season hinges on their

require it. Before they face Revenoord again, they are also scheduled to play Luton Town, who are struggling for survival, and Sheffield Wed-European Cup holders, brushed aside the challenge presented by Panathinalkos nesday, who are competing for a place in Europe next to win a group A European Cup semi-final round tie 2-0 Gray, signed from Crystal Palace where he fell out of favour after making his Eng-land debut in November, ap-

on Wednesday night in With Sampdoria losing a more exciting game, 3-2 to Anderiecht, in Brussels, the Yugoslavs took over from the Italians as group leaders. They did so despite two goals from Vialli, the second of which put Sampdoria 2-1 up after 62 minutes. Nilis equalised for the Belgians in the 66th minute and claimed the

winner in the 89th. The Uefa Cup spelt heart-break for BK 1963 of Copenhagen. In their last season before amalgamating with their city rivals, KB Copenha-gen, BK 1903 lost 2-0 at home to Torino, of Italy. It was a disappointing result for the Danes, who had eliminated Aberdeen and Bayern Mu-

nich in earlier rounds. In Italy, Glenn Hoddie's belated appearance as substitute: 15 minutes from the end, failed to rescue his England Second Division XI against the Italian Serie B.

RED STAR Belgrade, the Paul Kitson scored for the European Cup holders, visitors but the English team lost the game, in Caserta, 2-1. Back home, Middlesbrough's hopes of reaching their first big cup final faded in a 0-0 draw against Manchester United at

Ayresome Park in the first leg of the Rumbelows Cup.semi-Although Neil Webb missed a glaring chance for United, Stephen Pears, once a reserve at Old Trafford, repeatedly denied his onetime colleagues. Nevertheless Lennie Lawrence, the Middlesbrough manager, said: "I am proud of my players. I could not have asked more of them." The winners of the second leg at Old Trafford will meet Nottingham Forest at Wembley next month.

Norwich City limbered up for their FA Cup sixth round tie against Southampton tomorrow with a 0-0 draw in the first division at Coventry. Goals were plentiful, howe er, at Elm Park where Reading lost 4-3 to their third division rivals, Stoke City. Stoke now stand top of the division, leading Brentford on goal difference.

Cruyff in mood for main event By Peter Robinson

NO GAME in Europe generates quite the same magic, the same vehemently partisan atmosphere, the same tensions or triumphs, as Barcelona v Real Madrid. It is unique and, when it takes place, it almost always overshadows every other fixture in Europe. Tomorrow will be no

The meeting of Spain's big-est, wealthiest, most successful clubs, each with a sprinkling of some of the Continent's best-known and bestpaid players, in front of well over 100,000 baying sup-porters, is a rich enough cocktail in itself, but add to that the league leadership, which is often at stake, and the annual outpouring of Catalan nationalism that the game generates and you have, quite simply, the big-gest domestic club fixture in

The hype began as soon as last week's Spanish league programme was completed and continued despite the presence of both Barcelona and Real in European competition in midweek. Those diversions completed, Spain can now concentrate on the

There is no doubt that Barcelona enter the game in by far the better spirits. Their climb up the table has been remorseless of late, with Real's cushion at the top squeezed to just a point. Wednesday's European Cup win in the Ukraine against Dynamo Kiev has served to lift their confidence still fur-

ther, if that was possible. "We have a team capable of everything." Johann Cruyff, the Barcelona coach, en-thused. "Now we are really in the mood for tomorrow's march. We have all the morale to take on Real Madrid. In Oviedo [where Barcelona won 2-0 last week] and Kiev, we showed that the best de-

fence is a good attack."
Indeed, the 2-0 win in Kiev could have been greater still, for while Stoichkov and Guardiola scored, other chances went begging. Cruyff, with an eye on the European Cup final in May, had every right to be pleased. Contrast his mood with

that of Leo Beenhakker, the Dutchman who has emerged as a less-than-friendly rival to Cruyff the coach. Beenhakker's Real may be quietly satsified with their 1-1 Uefa Cup draw in Czechoslovakia with Sigma Olomouc, but they were singularly unimpressive, had two players -Villaroya and Milla - sent off, and do not have the comfort of consistent league form

to turn to. Even the Italians must take a back seat to events in Spain. Juventus, in second place in Serie A, meet Napoli, in third, on Sunday, and must do without the suspended Julio Cesar and Stefan Reuter. AC Milan, still the Continent's best team despite their absence from the European Cup, are unlikely to let their lead slip even a little against Parma, who are fifth.

Lee shows signs of emerging from his slump

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ROBERT Lee, the extrovert Londoner who has been in the doldrums for the last few years, is sharing the lead after the first round of the Turespana Balearic Open at Santa Ponsa, Majorca, following a five-under-par score of 67 yesterday.

He is level with Barry Lane, of Berkshire, the American Glen Day and Sweden's Mats Hallberg, Severiano Ballesteros, favourite for the first prize of £41,660, began with a round of 70.

Lee has been through some difficult times since winning the Cannes Open in 1985 and the Portuguese Open in 1987, when he was hailed as one of the most promising players on the European Tour. Now he hopes his fortunes are about to change again."I've great faith in my coach, Bob Torrance, and my two ambitions are still to win the Open and to play in the Masters," he said.

Four birdies in five holes helped him to the turn in 32 and he holed from 18 feet at the 11th. After bogeys at the 14th and 15th, he struck a five-iron to four feet on the next and grabbed a seventh birdie with a 12-foot putt on

Lane did not drop a shot,

Conner's protest flags unheeded

YACHTING

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

DESPITE having four pro-test calls dismissed by the onwater umpires, Dennis Stripes to victory over Bill Koch's Defiant on the second day of round robin three in the America's Cup defender trials here.

Stars & Stripes won by 2min 15sec, but it was a desperately close race until Defiant had a massive sailing tangle on the re ing legs halfway around the 20-mile course. In the first half of the race

Conner flew his protest flag four times. The umpires dismissed all four cails.

Conner has never liked on-

"But it's very frustrating if you feel that you are right and you have no option but to listen to the new god of the sailing world," he said. amazement of the competi-

water umplring, but agrees

that it does give an instant result, which is good for the

media and the spectators.

In round robin two, to the tors, the umpires dismissed the protests of both Stars & the yachts collided in a prestart, leaving a small hole in America. The protests were dismissed because the umpires, who follow each yacht in fast 25-foot powerboats, were not positioned to see it.

RYA tackles berths

A NEW mooring initiative designed to reduce the shortage and high price of yacht berths, particularly on the south coast, was launched by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) yesterday (Barry Pickthall writes).

Working in conjunction with a Swansea-based pon-toon manufacturer, the RYA scheme provides marina-style walkways secured by anchors, which cut out the cost of driving piles into river and estuary sites. Swansea yacht owners to adopt the system

have proved that outright purchase of each berth, funded through a ten-year debenture scheme, is equivalent to the annual mooring fees levied for a 30-foot cruiser at a

nearby commercial marina. Michale Shefras, chairman of the RYA's moorings and marinas committee, welcomed the scheme yesterday. "With estimates of around 85,000 new boats looking for mooring space over the next ten years, a scheme like this may well prove to be an ideal route forward." he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Crankcase Durie routed Tennis: Gabriela Sabatini, lets down second seeded and with a first-round bye, routed Jo Durie 6-2, 6-0 at the Virginia Slims of Florida tournament Frenchman

in Boca Raton. The Briton A broken crankcase forced held service only in the first the Frenchman. François and seventh games of the opening set and contributed Delecour, to abandon the Portuguese Port Wine Rally 32 unforced errors to Sabatiyesterday after he had domini's cause. nated the earty stages of the five-day race. The departure of hisFord

Friendly rivals

Badminton: Helen Troke and Su Louis, who are in contention for a place in Britain's team for the Barcelona Olympics, have both been selected for the England squad for the two friendly internationals with Korea at Sheffield (March 16) and SHEMERU (March 10) and Birmingham (March 17). SOUAD: A Nadsen (Surrey), S Butler (Warwick), N Ponting (Herts), D Wright (Yorks), C Hunt (Lancs), A Goode (Herts), H Troke (Herts), S Louis (Devon), G Gowers (Herts), S Senidey (Lancs), G Clark (Surrey), J Bradbury (Cxon).

Parrott ahead

Snooker: Breaks of 100, 89. 63, 56, 39 and 40 enabled John Parrott, the world and United Kingdom champion, to lead Ken Doherty, of Ireland, 5-3 after the first session of their best of 17 frames semi-final in the Strachan Professional Championship in Bristol, yesterday. Snooker enthusiasts will be able to watch morning sessions of the Embassy world championship qualifying rounds at the Guild Hall, Preston, free.

HOCKEY

St Albans hold on against RAF

DESPITE having to call on a few reserves, St Albans had enough talent to defeat the Royal Air Force 5-3 in a lively annual match at Clarence Park yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes).

The RAF missed a couple of open goals in the first half. during which they squan-dered five short corners.

Hayward set up Woods to put St Albans ahead in the fifth minute with a clever reverse flick. The RAF equalised in the fifteenth minute with McLean sending Cartmell away on the right to score from a difficult angle. Goals by Pell, from a short

corner, and another by Woods put St Albans 3-1 ahead at the interval. Halliday, a penalty stroke expert, made it 4-1, but goals by Halim and Cartmell put the RAF back in the hunt until Pell converted another short corner. Last year the score was 2-2.

ST ALBANS: S Chater; P Eder, S Port, R Davis, M Pell, A Ruding, P Gibbine, S Downer, D. Woode, A Haliday (sept), G Heyward, ROYAL AR FORCE: Sgt T Kelly (subt; Rt Lt A Seaton); PO K Dempsey, Pr Lt C Kimber, SAC S Weltern, Sgt A Lee (capt), Sgt M Luthren, PO G Carrinal, Rt Lt M McLean, FO M Halim, SAC Z Hussein, Rt Lt M Evans (subt; Rt Li N Powel). Unropress, Fit Sgt A Statker and P Haliday (Eastern Countles).

ATHLETICS SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain: Indoor meeting: Men: 60m: B Surin (Can), 653sec 200m: N Antonov (Bul), 20,51 400m: N Evenett (US), 45 51 800m: R Kbotm; Can), 1min 46,70sec, Mille: N Mourcell (Alg), 355.51. Two milles: M Kiptanui (Ken), 8:16.18. 5,000m: B Boutsyeb (Mor), 13:23,76 80m hurdles: R Nehemah (US), 7.53sec. High jump: G Becker (Spl.), 27m. Pole vault S Bubks (CS), 587. Women: 200m: J Cuthbart (Jam), 22,72sec. 1,500m: T Dorovskikh (CS), 4mn 12 05sec Long jump: I, Berezmays (CIS), 6.60m.

BASKETBALL BASKE PBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division:
Leacester City Riders 116, Landon Towers
104 Second division: Bathsley Generals
52, Bury Metros 80.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Caltres 125, Orlando Mage: 100.
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(OT), Philadelpha 78ars 107, Atlanta Hawks 102. Charlotte Hornets 119.
Nilvanice Bucks 110, Portland Trail
Blazera 129, Denver Nuggets 100, Indianal Pacers 103, Los
Angeles Lakers 101, New Jersey Nats 92.
Cleveland Cavalars 109, Sacramento
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FOOTBALL NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:



Tom Watson: leader with a 65 in Hong Kong

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Ber

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Dynamo Kiev 3 1 0 2 2 4 2
CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-finels, first leg: Feyenoord 1, Tottenham Helspur 1, AS Roma 0, Monaco 0, Werder Bremen 2, Galatiasary (Tur) 1, Atlético Medind 3, FC Bruges 2.

Medind 3, FC Bruges 2.
UEFA CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Gence 2. Liverpool 0, Sigma Olomouc (C2) 1, Real Madfind 1: BK 1903 Copenha-gen 0, Torino 2: Ghent (Bet) 0, Apax 0, RUMBELOWS CUP: Semi-final; First

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division; Coventry City 0, Norwich City 0. Third division: Reading 3, Stoke City 4 B AND O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier B AND O SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Fallurk 1. Heart of Midlethan 2. BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Affersione 2. Westdatione 0. Coby 1. Waterloovele 1. VS Rugby 2. Gloucester 1. Midland division: Sutton Colcheid 2. Soshull Borough 3. Southern division: Buckingham 2. Barnham 2. Canterbury 1. Hythe 0. Salebury 5. Bury Town 0. Weymouth 1. Heatings 2. HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Knowsby 0. Gloseley 0. MORTHERN LEAGUE: Billingham Synthonia 5. Easington Colliery 0. Consett 0. Gretten 1. Newcestle Silve Star 6. Brandon 1. Peterlee Newtown 2. Northallerion 1. Potentee Newtown 2. Northallerion 1. Potentee Newtown 2. Rottentam 2. Leods 1. Sheffield Wednesday 0. Menchester City 3. Bradford City 1. Second division: Grimsby 0. Aston Villa 2. Blackburn 4. Everton 1. Bolton 2. Rottentam 2. Leods 1. Sheffield Wednesday 0. Menchester City 3. Bradford City 1. Second division: Grimsby 0. Blackpool 2. Mensheld 1. Huddersfield 2. Port Vale 1. Leocester 1: Wigen 2. York 0. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton 1. Oueen's Park Rangers 1: Chalese 3. Watford 0; Fulliam 1. West Harn 1: Portsmooth 9. Reading 0. Southampton 0. Manwich 1; Totterham 1. Oxford 2. Hvision; Faturk 1, Heart of Mid

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Bernel 3, Crystel Palace 1
LIBERTADORES CUP. Sol de Amenca
(Par) 0. Cerro Porteno (Par) 2: Defensor
Sporting (Ling) 0, Nazional (Ling) 1
Wednesday's title results
EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final round:
Group A: Panatherakos 0. Red Star
Belgrade 2. Anderlecht 3, Sempdorle 2
Group B: Dynamo Kiev 0. Bercelona 2;
Benfica 1. Sparta Praguel 1
EUROPEAN CUP TABLE
Group A
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Group B

MOTOR RALLYING PORTUGUESE RALLY: I, J Kankkunen and J Paronen (Fm), Lancia integrale, 2Vr 44min 38sec, 2, A Aghimi and S Farnoccha (h), Lancia Integrale, 245 10. 3, M Büssen and T Swero (h), Ford Sierra, 245 15. 4, C Sanza and L Moya (Sp), Toyota Celica, 2:45 48, 5, A Schwarz

7.30 unless stated .

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF HONG KONG: Hong Kong Open tourna-ment: Lasding first-round scores: 55: T Watson (US) 67: R Ratterly (GB) 68: M Hartinez (Par), Chen Tae-chung (Tarwan), Lin Chle-histing (Taiwan) 68: M Harwood (Aus), G Boros (US), B Israelson (US), J Kay (Cen). SADOHARA, Japan: Daiichi Cup: Lead-ing first-round scores, (Japan unless staled) 64: I Aolu. 66: Chen Tze-ming (Taiwan) 67: T Tamala. 68: T Ozaki, K idoku. T Nashikawa. 69: F Kobayashi British score: 78: P Hood (GB)

ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 5, New York Rangers 4, Toronto Maple Leafs 5, Edmonton Oriers 2, Los Angeles Kings 4, San Jose Sharks 3

FOOTBALL

Barclays League Second division Tranmere v Port Vale Third division Stockport v Hartlepool Swanses v West Bromwich (7.45)

Fourth division Halifax v Carliste... GM Vauxhall Conference Kettering v Famborough (8.0)... BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Darwen v Prescot.

RUGBY UNION Student Internationals Scotland v France (at Boroughmuir)

(Ger) and A Hertz (Swe), Toyola Celica, 247.15

RACKETS SCHOOLS MATCH: Malvern (M Hubbard and A Scammell) bi Radley (J Courts and J Black), 5-15, 15-13, 15-9, 15-5, 15-9

SQUASH RACKETS

PIAMA'S PREMIER LEAGUE First driving: Vasari Cannons 3, A & P Rackets 1 MADRID: Spanish Open championship: First round: S Fut-Gerald (Aus) bit 8 Conway (Ire) 15-10, 15-10, 15-8, R Best (Ire) bit D Somers (Neth) 15-7, 9-15, 15-5; M Marin (Aus) bit R Macree (Eng) 15-4, 17-15, 15-10 C Owens (Aus) bit HD& (Neth) 15-5, 15-2, 15-7 S Horner (Eng) bit C Nitch (SA) 11-15, 15-10, 15-7, 15-10, F Geoves (Eng) bit P Beams (NZ) 6-15, 15-12, 15-7, 17-16, S Bradey (Aus) bit P Pancis (Aushia) 15-7, 15-6, 15-5; S Schone (Ger) bit C Mett (Eng) 15-10, 15-11, 15-10, L Irving (Aus) bit D Gazaran Schoole (dee) of C Ment (eng) 15-10, 15-11 15-10, L Irving (Aus) bit D Gizenna (Ger) 17-14, 15-17, 17 14, 15-6, S Wright (Eng) bit L Charman (Eng) 15-12 15-9, 6-15, 15-11, M Le Molginan (Eng) bit A Repolt (Sp) 15-3, 15-7, 15-9 Second round: S Devoy (NZ) bit S FitzGerald (Aus) 15-10, 15-10, 15-8, C Jac-Iman (Eng) bit R Best (ke) 15-3, 15-13, 15-5, M Marun

ELLE TOBAYS PATURES .

England v Wales (at Newbury, 2.30)

CLUB MATCHES: Beth v Newbridge (7.15). Bedford v Harrogate (7.30): Duntermine v Stewarts Mat FP. Gloucester v Pontypool, Kirksaldy v Curtle, Museahungh v Welsonume, Northambles v Bridgend (7.15); Pontypridd v Bratol; Roselyn Park v Blackheath (7.15), Strang County v Ayr. Waspe v Neath (7.30); Weston-super-Mare v Cliffor (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE Under-21 International Great Britain v France . .. (at Halifex, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT BOWLS: English women's national championships (Stevanage). SNOOKER: Strechen Champion (Bristol).

(Aus) bi C Owens (A.s) 15-12, 15-11 15-9, F Geaves (Eng) bi S Homer (Eng) 10-15, 15-12, 15-11, 15-17

RUGBY UNION REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Royal Navy 20, Comwall 10
CLUB MATCHES: Pontypridd 10, Bristel 26, Meesten 12, South Wales Police 22; Swansea C6, Penarth 6, Kelso and Jed-Forest 31, Le Plats (Ang) 19
SCOTTISH UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: North and Mediands 13, Glasgow 19, Edinburgh 6, South 16

ORNSKOLDSVIK, Sweden: World Cup: High half 1, E Vetton (Austral), 219 dots, 2, NKasa (Japan), 218 1, 3, MMartinsson ISwe) 214 1, Overall: 1, W Rathmayr (Austra), 1930ts; 2, T Nebmen (Fm), 189; 3 A Felder (Austra), 176.

 RACING 28, 29 FOOTBALL 31

Botham puts Australia on the rack

PROM ALAN LEE CHICKET CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

THE most daunting obstacle barring England's path to the cricket World Cup semi-finals was an inferiority complex. Yesterday in Sydney, the anxiety was confronted and conquered. Australia no longer hold any fears for them and neither does the winning of the cup.

It was only a year ago that England travelled the length and breadth of this country without winning a game of any sort against Australia. By the end of it, Graham Gooch's team was a dispirited rabble but, yesterday, the description could aptly be applied to the Australians.

The dealening din of a capacity crowd of 39,000 was reduced to moody silence, save for the chanting of England's gloating supporters, as Australia came up against an old tormentor in Ian Botham. Even Alian Border, whose regard for Botham's ability has never wavered, cannot have imagined his old friend and rival had another performance like this in his

Botham destroyed the Australian batting by taking four wickets in seven balls. He then strode out to open the England innings and smote 53 out of a century stand with his captain, putting this pivotal match beyond recall.

It was the inspired cricket of a giant revived from sleep. Its effect was to rush England to an absurdly easy eight-wicket win, with 9.1 overs in hand, and to increase the possibility that Australia will not qualify for the last four. England, at 5-4, are the new

Once Botham had gone, the rest of the game was so academic it was dreary, but this is the paradox of England in their present mood. The better a team performs in one-day cricket, the more outclassed is the opposition and the more tedious the

Micky Stewart, the team manager, said later that the had worried him. "It was a stage game, a genuinely big game, and I wondered how our players would react. But they have all done it well. They performed the same way they have done since we left England in December."

That way, as successive opponents have come to know. s ruthlessly professional. Now, unbeaten after proba-



bly the tougher half of their group games, England trail

New Zealand on points only because rain denied them victory over Pakistan. Australia, meanwhile, have only the pointless Zimbabwe keeping them off the bottom. Border, reviewing the situation last night, said: "We

need England and New Zealand to keep winning and then a few other results to go our way. But to get through now, we have got to win the rest of our games and win At first, this heavily hyped game went the way of the

hosts. Border won the toss and followed his usual policy of batting, and England were obliged to field in the draining humidity of the after-noon. Australia had dropped Marsh and promoted Moody to open. That part of the deal worked well enough but Moody! to Pringle without lor, fell to Pringle without scoring and Boon, their form player, was run out at the non-striker's end for the second time on this ground in

The pitch was faster than most seen at Sydney, howev-er, and Moody's third-wicket stand with Jones pulled the innings round. Indeed, at 106 for two in the 28th over, Australia were looking at a total in excess of 230 — and then the collapse started. Jones carved DeFreitas hard and fast to cover and Lewis dived to take a sensational



Lewis: stunning catch

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Tufnell, whose length was generally too short, then bowled Moody off his glove as he swept but Border and Steve Waugh patched up the damage with a care devel-oped by hundreds of such encounters. Twelve overs and two balls remained and the total read 145 for four as Botham took the game for his

He found the ideal inswinger for Border, who has been a candidate for that delivery all winter, and then, with a pause of a dot ball on each occasion, he had Healy and McDermott caught from reckless swings and Peter Taylor leg-before. The dainty, hip-wiggling dance routine he has adopted for this tour sufficed for the lirst three wislests the less turns to the less turns turns to the less turns to the less turns to the less turns turns turns to the less turns wickets; the last was greeted by the full-blooded Botham of old, leaping and punching

the air in uncomplicated joy.

Australia managed to bat through another ten overs but scored only ten more runs. Waugh, who had viewed the wreckage from the other end with his usual lack of expression, ran himself out trying to farm the strike, and the final score of 171 was only one run more than Australia's total against South Africa here last

It was inadequate then and it was inadequate now. though by the way Mc-Dermott bowled the opening over, it was impossible to be confident. Gooch did not make contact with a single ball, and if one gives him the benefit of withdrawing the bat from more than one, he was beaten at least three

The crowd was howling at this last, desperate throw. The Australian's were visibly pumped up. It took Botham to puncture them, upper cutting McDermott to the third-man boundary, then crashing two successive balls from Reid through cover for four. Early in the piece it may have been, but that was the

beginning of the end. Botham had batted 31 overs for 23 runs in the previous three games. Now, he did installed, and within ten overs England had scored 55. There was no further need for rush, nor any further need for the man-of-the-match adjudicator to ponder. He had his man and England had their most gratifying win yet.

Phil Tufnell missed En-

gland's victory celebrations after being admitted to hospital. The England physiotherapist, Lawrie Brown, described Tufnell's condition

Botham's triumph, page 1 Richards reflects, page 30 West Indies stumble, page 30



Australia on the run: Stewart begins to celebrate as Steve Waugh fails to beat DeFreitas's return

B A Rold b Reeve...... Extract (b 2, ib 8, w 5 nb 4)

Extras (fb 15, w 8, nb 4)... Total (2 wids 40.5 overs, 171 min) NH Feitprother, "AJ Stevent, DA Reeve, CCLevies, DR Pringle, PA J DeFreites and P C R Turnes did not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-107 (Gooch SS), 2-153 (8mith 17).

BOWLING: McDemott 10-1-29-0 (nb1, w3) (7-0-28-1 (w1) (one spell): Wesugh 8-0-29-1 (w2) (4-0-18-0, 2-0-11-1); Taylor 3-0-7-0 (one spell): Moody 4-0-18-0 (one spell): Moody 4-0-18

EDM). INTERIMEDIATE SCORES; 10 overe: 55 rums, 20: 95, 30: 129, 40: 164.

England won by eight wickets Man of the metol: I T Bothern (adjudicator: S P O'Dornell). Umplites: S Sucinor (West Indies) and Khizer Hayet (Pakistan).

Call for betting to assist sport

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) yesterday sent letters to the government calling for the levy on horse racing to be extended to other sportson which bets are placed, such as greyhound racing, tennis, cricket and boxing.

By statute, horse racing receives a £35.5 million contri-bution from the bookmakers,

approximately one per cent of all off-course bets staked on Peter Lawson, the secretary of the CCPR, which represents the national governing bodies of sports, said that a

similar levy was applied to all other sports-related bets but this was retained by the bookmakers. "Greyhound racing alone is deprived of £11 million, while the other sports between them are entitled to £6 million." Betting on major events has increased in recent years and

Tony Brown, the administrative secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "I am sure people are betting left, right and centre on the World Cup but cricket is receiving no benefit."

Lawson said that the CCPR would like to see a levy board arrangement for other other sports to distribute the money, as already occurs in horse racing.Greyhound racing does get £3.5 million from the off-course bookmakers, but this money goes to help 12 tracks, five of which are owned by the big three book-makers. Ladbrokes, William Hills and Coral. Tom Kelly, the chief execu-tive of the Betting Office Li-censes Association, said that the CCPR was not the first sports body to have identified a "mythical pot of gold at the end of the betting rainbow". and said that it was "totally was being absorbed into the off-course bookmaking industry's profits.

He said: "The CCPR has failed to understand the impact of overall taxation on the off-course industry; nor has it taken into consideration the fees already paid by book-makers to greyhound stadia and the football leagues. The deduction is, in fact, a term of trade between the bookmaker and his customer and should not be the concern of other parties. An off-course levy at the rates advocated by the CCPR would inevitably lead to an increase in deductions."



Harmony reigns amid Genoa's hospitality

BY ROGAN TXYLOR

they are English, the piece recorded the sincerity and di-

rectness of the FSA's Liver-

pool representatives in their

meetings with local people. Crolley, who holds an Anfield

season ticket and speaks im-

pressive Italian, was interviewed so frequently on local and national television that

she was constantly recognised

by local supporters outside the Luigi Ferraris stadium on

WHEN I arrived at the brief skirmish which took place be-tween a handful of Liverpool and Genoese supporters on Wednesday night, the Cara-binieri were already sequestering the visitors away. The most vigorous exchanges were taking place between the majority of local supporters who were keen to restrain the iew hotheads in their midst. There were no arrests and the Liverpool followers were soon escorted into the ground.

the day of the match. Official representatives of Contact with the Genoa the Liverpool supporters were on the spot immediately in Council and local supporters' organisations had been inicompany with one of the Gentially established by football oese "Ultra" supporters leadresearchers at Leicester and ers, whom they had met the Milan universities - an exprevious day. The Merseyside branch of the Football Supample of one of the more practical outcomes of acaporters' Association (FSA) demic conferences. A band had deputed Paul Hyland playing Beatles songs greeted and Liz Crolley to travel to Genoa the day before the game to meet local council-lors, police and leading supthe incoming coaches of Liverpool supporters and leaf-lets which welcomed them were distributed describing the efforts made by local porters in an imaginative people to create a good atmo-sphere for the game. move to foster good relations. Liverpool supported the ini-A special free edition of the tiative and the club's commu-Genoa fanzine, produced by nity officer, Brian Hall, a the Fossa dei Grifoni - the former Liverpool player from

the 1970s, accompanied the equivalent of the Kop or Stret-FSA representatives to the ford End — was printed in meetings.
The initiative certainly paid English and Italian for the occasion. It welcomed the Liverpool supporters "to the most English city in Italy". off. On the morning of the match, the nation's largest reminding them that Genoa is Italy's oldest football club, selling daily, the Gazetta dello Sport, produced the most invourable comments originating in 1893 when about English supporters seen in Italy since 1985. Under a headline that read: "Sir James Spencer together with a small group of gallant

Genoa finds new friends; and fantastic rules and the will to teach us the best game in the

> In addition to the spectacular display of flags, fireworks (the "choreography") and an enormous banner almost the size of the pitch which read: We are Genoa, the "Ultra" groups of supporters organised a special laser light show. The evening prior to the match, the FSA representatives had been conducted around the impressive yet intimate stadium by those rehearsing the performance. Later, that evening, as guests of the Coordinamento Club of Genoa — the oldest supporters club network in Italy -Liverpool representatives ate a six-course meal after receiv-

For the Genoa club and its supporters the match against Liverpool was the most significant for 50 years. On the advertisement detailing the coach trips to Liverpool via Paris and London for the return leg on March 18, the list of attractions included: the Moulin Rouge; the Folies Bergere, Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London. But in the boldest lettering of all stood out the prime site of interest: Anfield Road. Rogan Taylor works at the Centre for Football Research at Leicester University. His book. Football and its Fans.

will be published by Leicester University Press in May.

A toast 15 0 to those calling it a day

BY ROB ANDREW

WHICHEVER way you look at it, tomorrow at Twickenham sees the end of an era. It seems that at least three of the rugby union players who have been with England through lean and successful times

may be going to retire. Those players will be able to say that they helped Eng-land achieve something. and their greatest achieve my view, is that England should never again suffer continuous failure.

Until they make their annouricement, we will not know who is going. But given the number of rumours within the squad about players perhaps feeling they would like one last hurrah, against South Africa in November, I am no longer certain that there will be quite so many withdrawals as has been suggested.

I suspect that one or two may hang on until the gan with South Africa and, if they stay that long, they might see out one last five

nations' season.

I will not be among those retiring because I want to carry on playing rugby to a high standard in France. And if I am to do that I want to be challenging for an international place. But whatever the outcome of our bid for a second successive grand slam my primary thoughts tomorrow night will be for those who are stepping down. Some suffered the bad times of English rugby from 1984 to 1988; but

they stuck around.

The job is not yet fin-lahed, it has been suggested that England need only turn up at Twickenham to complete another grand slam. I can tell you that no such assumption is being made. We remember what happened at Edinburgh in

We got it badly wrong that day and in the week building up to it. It cost us a grand slam. We also made a mess of things when we



played Wales at Cardiff in 1989 with the champion-Shio at stake. The end of our champion-

mark the reappointment of Geoff Cooke as England manager. He has done a phenomenal job; his achievements have been immense. He has brought continuity to all he has done and his results must be unprecedented in mod-

ern times.
Although we are within one match of another grand slam, we do not feel we have played as well up front this season as last year. I believe that is chiefly due to the loss of Ackford and Teague. It is only when you are without certain people you begin to realise just how good they were. The forward unit is very.

very important at this level. You do not replace overnight the experience of people like Dooley and Winterbottom, no matter how good the youngsters. But we have been fortunated that above the product of that others, like Bayfield. have been introduced while there were still time to learn from the senior men.

The England B team is going well and the talent is undoubtedly there. We should always have players coming through, so that although there will be the odd setback. I believe England can largely continue in this successful vein.

That will be the legacy of those who do decide to retire after tomorrow.

□ Interview by Peter Bills



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This old man comes ranting home



Anthony Burgess, author, composer, polymath, polyglot, was 75 this week

and remains as full of bile about

Britain as ever

his is no country for old men. But how they love to come back and rubbish it, when they've got the another carful of Damn You England-style vitriol from Anthony Burgess, on the why-oh-why page of the Evening Standard, headed "Why I'm ashamed of sad, drab, vulgar Britain."

Life would be grey indeed with-out these aged seers to tell us we have seen the best of our time. Press a button, and their bilious words spill out, but they live well above it all. Like John Osborne's, Mr Burgess's diatribes about "our unhappy kingdom" have a well-

He bemoans the loose Americanisms of demotic speech. The misuse of "hopefully". The "baf-fling" young, who "do not seem to belong to the human race". Girls' lack of allure. The price of a pint. London's boxy buildings and vulgar hoardings. Our political lead-ers: "John Major, mediocrity's monument, faces Neil Kinnock, a perfect complement." We lack popular philosophers; we lack above all, genius. It is classic "They were giants in them days" stuff. Sounds like this bezoomny ded needs a boishy tolchok in the keeshkas, eh droogs?

Armed with his outpourings I went to his smoke-filled suite at the Savoy. He invoked the names of G.B. Shaw, Bertrand Russell, Arnold Bennett, "instead of these blasted TV people, Esther Rantzen, Clive James, Melvyn Bragg", who are "not good enough". Then why not come back and be a giant among them? He said that was not his line. "Can you see Shaw on Wogan? He'd take it over. He'd say, (broad Irish brogue 'iet me talk to the people'. There's no genius, no flow of interesting ideas. Ah splendid, here is tea. Have a scone with

Like Osborne's, his animus is concealed in benign conviviality. The previous night, his 75th birthday had been celebrated among congenial company that included John Mortimer, Auberon Waugh, Victoria Glendinning. Mr Burgess was forthcoming. He entertained the table by settling old scores and past slights. Never mind that nobody recalls these except Mr Burgess: they rankle with him still. Between puffs on his panatellas he went through his hit ist: Graham Greene, Jimmy Savile, the late Geoffrey Grigson, Charles Osborne. Osborne had once listed the three most overrated books as Ladv Chatterlev's Lover, She Stoops to Conquer and whatever has most recently dropped heavily from the pen of Anthony Burgess". This old man

Of course he is right about cultural decline. But his own life is irretrievably distanced from it. He says everything depends on education, but he has not been inside a school for years. So he cannot collect firsthand evidence, but he suspects that the eccentric, enthusiastic, slightly mad types who once taught, are gone, and a mediocre syllabus rules. "I was very lucky in my school. The

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ibrary was full of authors like Kotzebuhe." This was the Xavierian College in Manchester. The fierce brothers taught him Latin, but he also taught himself Greek. He found language fun-"We used to translate 'I say tomato, you say tomay-to' into Latin, Dico ego pomum, dicis tu

That's Burgess, man and boy: scholarship ever on display. It exasperates him that he cannot take for granted that readers will understand musical terms: tritone, tonic, dominant; he was furious when a supposedly educated man was stumped by the opening sentence of his novel, Earthly Powers: "It was the afternoon of my 81st birthday, and 1 was in bed with my catamite... "Catamite's a common enough word," said Mr Burgess in scorn. "Surely he knows Latin?" He can't resist challenging us with idiolect, palinlogue, autophagous, opusculum, desquamation, lesbic, allomorph, monophthongal, autocephalous, inesculent, strabismus, words one got by happily without until reading him.

telephone rings. It is Dino di Laurentiis, the film producer, wanting Mr Burgess to write one of the biblical films he is planning. "I say yes, with pleasure, but let us have a contract. Un contracto." He will do the story of Judith and Holofernes. "You remember, she invited Holofernes to supper and an evening of love, then cut his head off, a very feminist thing." He adds references to Caravag-gio's painting, Shakespeare calling his daughter Judith, the character Holofernes in Love's Labours Lost. "Holofernes was the name for the penis, you know." Is there anything that Mr Bur-

gess does not know? 'No, I don't know enough at all." On the contrary, he knows too much for comfort. When he describes a room as "full of odd

knicknacks" he cannot forbear to add "(strange that the Hebrew naknik should mean a sausage)." "That's echoism," he said. "Joyce is full of echoism. It's not liked. generally." Such omniscience may adorn, but sometimes afflicts, his prose. Writing about schooldays and cronies, he has to add, "who, true to the etymology khronics, sustained friendship chronically..." This is showing off. I rather enjoy it, but it irritates some to screaming point. A mind so openladen with cross-references and philological curiosities does not fit man for the popular novelist's trade, he says so himself: he is tormented by a memory he cannot control. "I can't remember a line of Goethe, but I remember every line of Cole Porter." And enough

lines of Anglo-Saxon to discourse with Jorge Luis Borges in it. He had spent the morning "having a go at Greene" for a BBC programme. He had made the point that a character in Greene's Monsieur Quixote had put a body in the boot of a Seat. "But the Seat has no boot! His Spanish translator was literally crying about it. Yet Greene would get very touchy if you corrected him. And he put carrots into a Lancashire hotpot in

The Human Factor." He and Greene were neighbours in exile, one a cradle Catholic, the other a convert. Mr Burgess disapproved of Greene living with another man's wife, but they maintained a guarded friendship ("I never gave him a review less than fawningly adulatory."
Mr Burgess said.) He asked Greene at their last lunch, what he missed most about England. Sausages," Greene replied. In comes Mrs Burgess, alias the

contessa, Liana. "Antonio! Anto-- nio! Who is the man of the deep structure I always forget?" Chomsky," supplies Mr Burgess. The story of his marriage to this dark Italian lady, as told in volume two of his confessions, is extraordinary. She was living in London,

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translating, and teaching linguis-tics, when they met. She admired his work. "We made love," he says, and then she disappeared, went to Paris. And then four years later I discovered I had a son." Why did she never tell him she was preg-nant? "Well, I was still married, my first wife was dying, killing herself with drink, cirrhosis. That was pretty hellish. I've not really told the half of the story. She would insist on going out, and cause tremendous rows and upheavals and she would hit people and so on. The Welsh can't take drink you know."

When the first wife, Lynne, died, Liana turned up and told him about their son, now aged three. "I said, heavens, we must marry. And she said no! I had a very difficult job to persuade her."
Liana explains, "I wanted to be an ummarried mother, I wanted to be independent. It was my own business. I was a pioneer in many things. Especially as an Italian who has suffered so much at the hands of the Catholic church." Mr Burgess convinced her that he needed someone to leave his copyrights to; so she "saw the point of marriage. They are polar opposites. She is noisy, volatile.

"Antonio! Antonio! My pun is that in Italy, story and history is the same word." "Yes yes very good," he mutters patiently. "Contradiction is a good mar-

voluble. They argue constantly.

riage. Agreement, dead mar-riage," aphorises Liana. "We have a dialectical marriage," says An-

tonio, longsufferingly. he translates his work. negotiates on the telephone, chases up his royalties from villainous foreign publishers, drives (he does not drive) and looms large in all interviews. They are inseparable. But there is a clash of wills between them over having a photograph'

"I am not part of Anthony and his life! Am I not my own woman? "You're not an appen-

dage, quite right." Mr Burgess mollifies the photographer: "Good afternoon sir! Piece of cake? What part of the world are you from? West London way? Have a scone." I tell Liana she would be a picturesque foil to her husband's tall grey gauntness, being short, voluptuous, with black Latin eyes and those bright red and orange flower-clips in her hair ("Antonio loves long 'air") but she is adamant. She cites Heraclitus for some reason, and expresses horror at the frozen crystallised moment of a photograph. "No, no, NO." What a fuse! "She always gets angry about it. I personally would be delighted. But she has

very strong views." Mr Burgess is far from being a

Companion of Literature. "Kath-leen Raine refused it. Didn't want to be among these vulgar people who write for money, meaning me. Lord Jenkins presented it. He's a bit of a pain: calls me Guy

Burgess.
"But it's very kind of them to give it. What it means is that you're not going to be given anything else. You're not going to be made into a knight. Not if you live abroad. P.G. Wodehouse had to wait until he was 90. Noël Coward got it when he was dying. But when you think that Jimmy Savile has it, you just don't want it, God forbid."

Far better stay in Monaco, though pestered by too many Americans with rucksacks, retreating to Lugano now and then. He is a pillar of Monaco society, "not so gay or glamorous since the death of Princess Grace".

In the Rue Grimaldi he pro-

duces his 1,000 words a day; never getting to the point where he feels he has mastered the art of writing." I have been without a salary for the last 30 years and one still has to go on working." His weary dismissal of most contemporary writing — "it's all right, but once you've read it you've forgotten it, nothing's terribly important" - comes from reviewing so much. He gets sent books nobody else wants, like the new Erich Segal, or a history of the internal combustion engine. He notes a lack of humour in contemporary writers: Martin Amis, A.S. Byatt. "Amis is a clever young man, but I find no comfort in the world he describes, no humour, no irony. Antonia Byatt has womanly gifts. Most women writers do, with exceptions like Anita Brookner." It is "a symptom of age" that he returns to Dickens, Conrad, Joyce and Trollope; also Sinclair Lewis and Herman Wouk. Once he had the manuscript of a

complete book stolen, while taking prophet without honour in his it to be photocopied. "So I sat native land. He has been made a down and wrote it again. I thought, well, I'll do it better the second time, like Carlyle and the French Revolution.

His great jeu d'esprit, A Clock-Meccanica, as he refers to it, was 'an aberration", he savs dismiss ively: after the film it had become Stanley Kubrick's property, and Kubrick kept it from the British public. "It became popular for the wrong reasons, because it was about violence, people love that kind of thing. It's very annoying. They always pick on one damn book, like Lucky Jim. Now they read it in schools in America, it's in its 27th printing over there. I've never seen any money. Something wrong somewhere. I have been screwed. I'm infinitely screwable. He only got a percentage of the film after taking the producers to court. "It's a dirty business. You've got to keep out of films if you can."

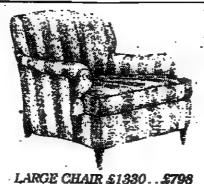
Mr Burgess has written his most brilliant work: his two volumes of autobiography. But he will be back soon, with a novel on Christopher Marlowe, and a book called A Mouthful of Air, on the language children should be taught in school. "If only I could get the Prince of Wales to write a preface, but he's very busy talking about cheese". Having left Britain for its depressing youth culture, what he really mourns is a feeling of any respect for his type, the polymathic polyglot. He is right: there is nobody else quite like him; and what is that uniqueness but a mad, tormented genius?

Sounds like the mad old man needs a big kick in the guts, eh friends? in

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THE RECRUITING OFFICER: George Facquiter's comedy is presented in a new production with Sally Dexier and Alex Jennings as Silva and Captain Plume under the direction of Nicholan Hymer. The play begins previews tonight end opens Theretay. National (Olivier), South Bank, London SE: (071-829-2252), lenight, somerows, 7 15cm.

THE CRACKWALKER: Opening production of the "Beyond Europe" season: Judith Thompson's study of violence in downtown Kingston, Ontario, described as "shocking and compassionate by turns". Gate, 11 Pembridge Road, London W11 (071-229 0706), opens tonight, 7.30pm, temorrow, 7.30pm

BARBER OF SEVILLE: Jonathas Miller's knocksbout version of the Rossini opera, re-staged by John Abutafia for English National Opera the composer's bicentenary year. The cast includes (fischael Lewis (Figuro), Eritan James (Flosina), Peter Bronder (Amavva), Andrew Shore (Barrolo) and Richard Angas (Basilio), Jacok Chineum, 51 Martin Leny, Lindon WC2 (071-836 3161; ca 071-240 6258), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

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ELEVATED: Tonight and tomorow are
the last opportunities to see William
Forsythe's crashing, aggressive one-act
ballet, recently acquired by Covent
Garden, its 35 minutes never lat up, with dencers throwing themselves into the athletic choreography. Love it or hate it, no one can deny that the Royal Bellet dencers perform it brillantly. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Landon WC2 (U71-240 1055), lonight,

☐ 'ALLO, 'ALLO: Gorden Keye and his team of furny frogs and loraute up to free furnise antics. Dominion, Tottenherr Court Road, W1 (071-580 9582). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Frt, Set, 5-30pm and 8-30pm, 130mins.

BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindary

from Derek Jacobi and Hobert Lindary in Anoulin's play on the relationship between Thomas à Secket and Henry II. Theatre Floyal, Haymarket, 5W1 (071-930 8900), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins. Final week. CI LA BETE: Bravurs performance by Alan Cumming in a strange Molière percely: eccentric but clever. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (061-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mets Wed, 2.30pm, Set, 4pm. 145mins.

THE COTTON CLUB: An La The COTT for GLUSS An impression of the Harizon nightepot: high on energy, low on story freshness. Addwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-636 6404). Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Set, Spm, meta Wed, 2-30pm, Set, From, 160pdms. THE CUTTING: Intriguing two-hander by Maureen O'Brien between a ellent prisoner on a murder rap and a

psychiatrist. Fine performences. Bush, Shephards Blash Grosn, W12 (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, Spm. 120mins. M DANGING ATLIKANNASA: Srien Sciens Other Award-wiring memory-

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NEW RELEASES

CAPE FEAR (18): Demante ex-con Robert De Niro terrorises Nick Noits and family. Martin Scorases's serocious, unglessant remaks of a classic revenge thritier. With Jessica Lange, Juliette

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ONCE UPON A CRIMÉ (PG): Vacuous ONCE UPON A CHIME (PG): Vacabous somedy about Americans in Monte Carlo tumbling over a dechetund and a deed body. Starring John Candy, James Belushi, Sean Young, Richard Lewis, Cybil Shepherd; director, Eugene Larry, Ode

CURRENT AFRAID OF THE DARK (18): Mark Peolog's clever but desgreenble psychological thriller about feer and blindness. With Ben Keyworth, James Fox, Fanny Ardeni. MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527).

BARTON FINK (15): The Coun brothers' mervellous macabre comedy about a New York playwright all see at 1940s Hollywood. Staming John Turturn, John Goodman. A triple Cannes prizawarese Gets (071-727 4043) Lumtérs (071-635 0831) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3368)

BLACK ROSE (15). Seventeenth Century Jasus (Lothers Baneau) tries (convert Indians in northern Quebed. Intelligent epic from Bren Moore's novel, Director, Bruce Beresford, MGM Trouspero (171-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0425 914656) Plaza (071-497 9998). CROSS MY HEART (15): Wan, visually dull French tale of children conceeling a mother's death from the authorities. With Sylvain Copana; Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9651)

OEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15). Sem
Neil as an ageing mother's boy sucked
into love, violence and accidental
musider Tastly black comedy from new
Australian director John Rusne.
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5096) Metro (071-437 0757)

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and intertainment compiled by Karl Knight

XERXES: Last performance this season of Nicholas Hyther's bright, clean production of Hendel's Xerxas, revived for English National Opera by Julia Hollander. Collseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7pm.

rock from this Toronto band whose latest sibum, Black Eyed Men, bossts aweel, expressive singing from Marge Timmine and haunting, occasionally morbid, lyrics from her brother Miches SW7 (071-589 8212), tonight, 6.45pm.

SUGARCUBES: Heroes in their horn country, these losionals mayericle after punchy instrumentation pulled together by the beautiful wheeling vocals of female singer, Björk. Bricton Academy, Stockwell Read, London SWS (071-328) 1022), temorrow, 15.30pm.

VOICES: Musicologist Neil Sorrell oduces a programme which sbines the techniques of North combines the techniques of North indian and European classical vocal styles, linking indian ragas with 20th-cantury works by John Cage, Roger Marsh, Henri Pousseur and Glectrito Scelst With singer Linda Hirst, scoophonist David Roach, and vocalists Rajan and Sajan Misera. Unity Theatre, Liverpool (051-709 4989), tonight, 7.30pm. Library Theatre, Sheffield (0742 734102), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Adrian Bouth Hall

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to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Staties songs Boutsvard, Waltur's Costs, off Pater Street, WI (071–437 2881 after 2pm), Mon-Set, 8.15pm, Fri late show, 10.15pm, mail Sai, 8pm. 80mins.

B GOOD ROCKIN' TOMITE: Satisfying musical calebrating Pittles and Staties pop obsesce. Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, Spin, Frl, Sal, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 135mins.

MAKING IT BUTTER: Jump Saunders' subtle play concerned to ideals, reality and liberation in Pragard Lovisor. Jame Asher in an exemplary cast of four.
Hampetsed, Swise Cottage Centre NKS (071-722 9301), Mon-Sat, Spn Sat, 4pm. 180mins.

THE MIGHT OF THE IGUANA Affect Micha and a second Effect Affect in Tennessee Wilsums's play on the effects of second repression. Next one (Lyttetton), South Benk, SE1 (771-829 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mail tomorrow, 2.15pm. I MANTON OF THE OPERA-

CI PHANTOM OF THE OWERA. Gleaful varied out the by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftsabury, Shaftsabury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5395). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, 8et, 8.30pm, mate Thurs, 3pm, 5et, 5pm, 150mins.

CI PYEMIES IN THE RUMS: Uncontrolle play by Flos Hulchines baring the america of a Belfast exile haunted by his city's part. Royal Court. Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554), Mon-Bat, Spm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where dicated with the symbol (*) on release across the country.

DELICATESSEN (15): French video wonderfully blazers fentury about a isocential of terrants Bring above a commissibility butcher, With Dominique Phon, Merle-Laura Dougned. Cavicom Piezza (171-455 6442) MGM Chebsee (171-556 9690) MGM Tottenhern Court Road (171-635 \$148) Odeon Kenelngton (0425 \$14809) Serven on Beker Street (171-935 2772).

THE DOUBLE LIFE OF VERONICUE (15): Krzyszioł Kiesłowski's brilliantly filmed conunctum about two girle (one Polish, one French) who seem to share a life. With Irine Jecob, Philippe Voller. Curzon Meyfair (071-465 8999). · FATHER OF THE BRIDE (PG):

Daughter's impending wedding drive Steve Mertin crazy. Disappointing remake of the 1950 classic; for

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MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2696) Empire (071-467 9899) Whiteleys (071-792 3382). JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, three-hour drams about the Kennedy essassistator. Kevin Coetner es crusading D.A. Jim Garrison; a busting

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Strmingham (021-331 5000), Sun, 7.30pm.

GRAINGER FESTIVAL: In Blackho ion starts of the music of percy Greinger. Mettin Jones, who has recorded all of the Australian-American composer's pieno music for Nimbus, gives the first of three rectals in the

Blackheith Concert Halfa, Lee Roid, London SE3 (081-463 0100/071-379 4444), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: Tim ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: The company presents A Stranger I Came, an engaging new work by choreographer Robert North, logistics with Christopher Bruce's highly acclained Swansong, and the company's new staging of Belanchine's Apolio.
Arts Cantre, Kingland Road, Poels (2202 665222), tonight, tomorrow, 7.45pm, mat Set, 2.50pm.

ARRALI MEMORIAL: Two performances of Verdi's Placeton performances or very a preparative commemorate the plantsix Claudio Arrau, who died last year. The London Symphony Orchestra and Chruta Is, joined by a highly distinguished cast of soloists and Sir Colin Devis conducts. Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8991), tomorrow, 7.45pm EC2 (071-638 8691), tomor

BROOSKY QUARTET: The highproduction of control (2): The ingra-ranking group calebrates the 20th anniversary this year as one of Britain's foresteed string quartests, in a lunchtime concert on Sunday, they give performances of works by Bridge (Trace Lytid), Protofied (Chartest No 2) and Dvoršit (Chartest, Op 96 "American") Curren Elizaceth Hull, South Sark, London SE1 (071-626 8800), 3pm.

☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Two singer-dancers which through the mustic of Duke Ellington. Obvious routines cannot dieguise the true roeful Duke. Blobe, Sharinasbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065), Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat, Scopen, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mine. El A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two planists in likestie inforts to Cole Porter's wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-838) 9367), Mon-Fri, Sprs. Sal, 8-30pm, metr Wed, 2-30pm, Set, 5-30pm, 140mins.

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A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively perado of tunofal Whitehell, Whitehell, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thura, 8.15pm, Pri, Set, 6,15pm and Spm. 120mins.

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PITS MAN I THE MICHINE (FIS): Pange of young love in rural Louistens Quiet, old-feethloned drams: honest deep down, though wat round the adges. With Sam Waterston, Tes Harper, Reese Witherspoon, Emity Warfield; director, Robert Mulligan, MGM Sharfoebury Assense (071-836 8279/379 7020).

MISSISSIPPI MASALA (15): Inclined deplaced from Upanda to MI Mississippi fret over more and young fows. Starpi insights, but adogy at the centra. Starring Sentra Chouchury, Centall Washington. Director, Miss Natir. Curzon West End (071–459 4506).

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What fools, these mortals

HERE is a test for those thinking of putting this on their theatrical shopping list. If you object to playing a game of follow your-leader called "the Mexican lion's roar", then Elly Brewer and Sandi Toksvig's burlesque Midsummer Night's Dream is not for you. But if you think it fun to leap from your seat, fling up your arms, and growl very loudly just after your neighbour has done the same, perhaps you deserve a trip to the Albery. At least you can tell yourself that, populist though the RSC sometimes may be, this is not the sort of thing that happens when they do the Pyramus and Thisbe scene at the

Barbican. The presence is that the Henry Irving Strolling Players have lost most of their members to the local pub. All that remain are Louisa Rix, their bitchy Hippolyta, and Phelim McDermott, the scrawny ham per-forming Theseus. But not for nothing are two telly comics, Mike McShane and Toksvig herself, playing the company manager and the stage manager respectively. Soon they have been corralled into doing their share of Shakespeare's roles, as have Clive Mantle, a dopey carpenter, and Lee Simpson, a fly. smirking amateur plucked from the stalls.

Plots or plotlets vestigially appear. Rix fancies Simpson, who fancies himself. McShane has bet the night's takings on the dogs. McDermott wants to impress a visiting talent scout. But the authors develop these ideas about as coherently and completely as they treat Shakespeare himself. Much of the original text is intact; but from the moment an obese Philostrate totters on, wearing a preposterous ginger wig and waving an inexplicable Union Jack, you know that the Dream itself is mainly to be

The Pocket Dream Albery

an excuse for crowd-pleasing knockabout.

Actors biff each other and do worse things to their lines. Toksvig's Puck gets airsick as she bangs and crashes above the stage on her wires. Mc-Shane's Oberon rolls about in a vast grass dressing gown. Rix's Titania loses her wig to a woocr's enmeshed fingers. Mantle's lubricious Bottom, when asked for a ditty, launches himself into "The Sound of Music". The lovers mime games of snooker and wrestling matches. Hairy fairies dance in winged tutus. The set revolves, sending performers spin-ning. The play spins, sending me

What I revolved was this. Why had I laughed so much when a performance went speciacularly awry in Noises Off, and yet was raising barely a chuckle at Pip Broughton's un-doubtedly skilful production? Perhaps because the touring company in Michael Frayn's play was desperately trying to get its act right - so often the formula for good farce - while these Thespians were obviously trying to get their act as wrong as possible. The more feverish they became, the less funny they were. And the more selfconsciously foolish the result, the more I wished they would trust Shakespeare just a little.

After all. actors have sometimes brought the Dream hilariously to life simply by playing the lines and situa-tions with art and wit. Is the Bard made more accessible by ostentatious ly shoving a red nose and silly whiskers on his face? Quite the contrary.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Knockabout: Puck (Sandi Toksvig) and Oberon (Mike McShane)

DANCE

The breaks are lucky

Scènes/Monotones Covent Garden

WHEN is injury not the most terrifying hazard of a dancer's life? When it claims someone else as victim and draws an understudy into centre stage. Injury is a well established way

for the aspiring to strike lucky.

So it was that Monday's triple bill
was a merry-go-round of substitutions, and William Trevitt danced the male lead in Ashton's Scènes de ballet, opposite Fiona Chadwick. Those able to overcome the Royal Opera House's appailing sight-lines will have seen that he confirmed . пв tive, medium-height physique and quietly assertive presence served a capable all-round technique rather than outstanding excellence in any one area. Particularly welcome was the emphasis he brought to epaulement, the shading of torso important in the Ashton style.

Trevitt re-appeared in Gymnopèdies trio of Ashton's Monotones, replacing an injured Michael Nunn, himself announced to replace an injured Robert Hill. The whole piece looked much improved, with Bryony Brind now settled into her Gymnopedies convolutions and a

RIDE have enjoyed a brief but charmed life. Since forsaking art college in 1989, they have moved smoothly from acclaimed first single,

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mance demonstrated a considerable

technical assurance, even as their

Their music synthesizes Sixties psychedelic music with the gloomier

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such as the Jesus and Mary Chain. Haunting harmonies and melodies

songs evoked a noisy anxiousness.

new cast for the trio of Gnossiennes. At last the crucial symmetries could come to light with the precise spacing and rock steady arabesques of Bonnie Moore, Peter Abegglen and, especially, Larissa Bamber.

The most spectacular consequence of Nunn's injury came with William Porsythe's In the middle, somewhat elevated. This time, though, it did not directly benefit a company member; the understudy was already injured So Stephen Galloway from Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet had to fly in at less than 24 hours notice, after vigoroush and unsuspectingly celebrating his birthday. His long limbs seemed to extend to infinity the bold sweeping lines of the choreography; his liquid flexibility underlined the hyperactive inflections of each small segment of

the body. Forsythe's piece does not wear thin with repeated viewings. On the conconstantly shifting patterns; the sen-sational geometry of the various pas de deux: the subtleties of phrasing where flashes of speed yield to sudden railentandi. He has transformed the Royal Ballet's dancers into magnifi-

cent Olympian athletes.
The auditorium was fuller than on previous nights, but the new or unfamiliar undoubtedly keeps the Covent Garden faithful away. The Royal Ballet needs a different audience: and that means moving house and itwering ticket prices.

NADINE MEISNER

Bare of all invention

Passion Sadler's Wells

PERHAPS this new show by the American company, Momix, is intended to demonstrate the old adage that nobody ever lost money by underestimating public taste. The turn-out for their opening night on Tuesday was bigger than several better companies have enjoyed at the Wells lately, and at the end people were whooping and screaming their

What explains this phenomenon? Surely not the music by Peter Gabriel, which alternates between screeching and booming sounds at one extreme and, at the other, a grossly enlarged version of the horrid crackly noise that escapes from other people's "personal" stereos. The score, incidentally, was written for Martin Scorsese's film, The Last Temptation of Christ, but you would need a strong imagination to hear or see anything of that subject in the production.

The movement repeats the sort of pointless exercises we have already seen quite often enough from Momix and its predecessor, Pilobolus: silly little runs, bouncing in circles, swinging and stretching and forming knots with other dancers. None of it is

particularly dever or meaningful or interesting: almost all of it is repeated to the point of mind-numbing boredom. The most frequent motif is probably that of the performers showing us their backsides, often with only a minuscule garment to cover our modesty (theirs must take care of

The action all takes place behind a big scrim, completely filling the proscenium arch. On this are projected a frequently-changing series of pictures. These are, at least, marginally more interesting than the choreography. A face turns into a tree, which in turn gives way to a bush, then what might be an owl's head. Vegetable and floral images predominate, but there are shots of details from various works of art, some abstract patterns, and all sorts of oddments

What they do not seem to have is connection with each other, or with what the live performers can be seen (or sometimes only dimly glimpsed) to be doing behind them. Nor is there any sign of a developing theme. These lighting effects are slickly and efficiently done, but they are only decoration, flummery, trickery — and not a patch on the magically theatrical lighting which Alwin Nikolais's dance company brought to this theatre years ago.

There is one redeeming feature. It is

all over in an hour and a quarter. But it seemed much longer.

JOHN PERCIVAL

ROCK

Pretty gloomy tunes

UEA, Norwich

taken at a sedate pace, are juxtaposed with sturdy rock rhythms and frantic guitar cords. The cheery sounds of summer pop are mingled with storms

These disconcerting combinations are replayed in their set. "Making Judy Smile", an infectious, classic pop-song from their new album, is followed by "No Where", a grindingly slow roar. Their current single, "Leave Them Behind", is performed against a back projection of swirling orange and purple spirals, while other songs are treated to harsh strobe

highting:
What remain consistent throughout, though, are the vocal harmonies of guitarists Andy Bell and Mark Gardener. Their tunes and chants, which cross the Byrds with early Pink Floyd, create a mood of lazy melan-

choty.

Their songs work best as sound-

PHANTOM OF

tracks to youthful disquiet. The lyrics themselves seem to add very little -"If I crawl across the floor, then I'd be closer to that door", they observe in "OX4". Nothing even as vaguely solid as a relationship puts in an

appearance.

Instead Ride romanticise private life in the Thames Valley by transposing it to a mythical San Fernando Valley. Thus, as Mark Gardener pummelled his Rickenbacker guitar and shook his shoulder-length hair. he looked to be a long way from home. but the cleverly balanced set and winning tunes suggested that Ride know exactly where they want to be

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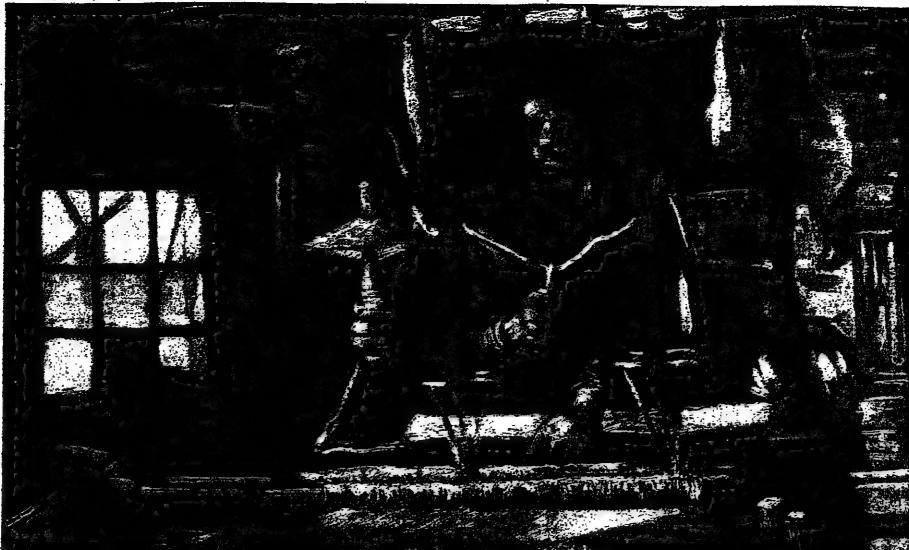
his later work

attered and streaked with mud, a pair of bulky black boots dominate the first painting in the Barbican Art Gallery's survey of Van Gogh in England. They look misshapen enough to be discarded. But the crisp, stabbing energy of Vincent's brushwork implies that they are still roadworthy. For this is the footwear of an artist committed to journeying. He thought nothing of walking 100 miles from Rams-gate to Welwyn, and his fondness for the boots will ensure that he uses them until they collapse.

The painting's emblematic power sums up the dogged resolve of the young man who came to London in May 1873. But the fact that A Pair of Boots was painted more than a decade later indicates the challenge confronting anyone organising an exhibition about Van Gogh's three-year stay in this country. Apart from a few tentative drawings, he produced no art during this formative period. So how can a show convey the significance of his English sojourn with-out the assistance of his own contemporaneous paintings?

The answer soon becomes absorbingly clear. Although the 20year-old pastor's son had not committed himself to an artist's life when he arrived in London, Van Gogh was aiready voraciously feeding off visual images. Working at Goupil's, a prominent picture dealer, gave him daily access to paintings, engravings and photographic reproductions he admired. Jacob Maris's A Drawbridge exemplifies the kind of picture Goupil's sold, and it bears an intriguing resem-blance to Van Gogh's later paintings of the Langlois drawbridge in

The rest of the Barbican survey proves that the pictures Vincent admired in England had a slowburning effect, finally igniting his imagination years after he saw them. The most important of these images have been reassembled here, in a deliberately crowded section with deep red walls which evokes the displays favoured at the Royal Academy when Van Gogh visited them. The images he liked



Echoes of English social realism? Vincent Van Gogh's Interior with Weaver, 1884, on loan from Museum Boymans-van Bueningen, Rotterdam, to the Barbican

did not, surprisingly, adhere to the social realist thinking which later fired his paintings of weavers and peasant life. At this stage, Vincent's religious fervour inclined him towards pictures such as George Boughton's God Speed! Exhibited at the Academy in 1874, this winsome canvas shows a pilgrim setting out on a journey through an evening landscape, punctuated by self-consciously poetic birch and

To our eyes, it is nothing more than a cloying exercise in prettified piety. Van Gogh, however, thought otherwise. "Truly", he wrote to his brother Theo, "it is not a picture but an inspiration."

Another work to excite Van Gogh's enthusiasm in England was Gustave Dore's richly illustrated London - A Pilgrimage, where the pictures take the reader on a nightmarish odyssey through a metropolis blighted by deprivation of the most distressing kind. Vincent's conscience was profoundly

affected by the poverty, overcrowding and despair he encountered on his own epic walks through the city. While living a relatively cush-

ioned existence on an annual salary of £90, he identified more and more with the most downcast members of society. Soon after seeing God Speed! he experienced wretchedness of his own as well. Having blurted out his love for Eugenie Loyer, the daughter of his landlady at 87 Hackford Road, Brixton, Van Gogh was summarily rejected, He succumbed to depres-

Although he only decided to become an artist in the early 1880s, many of the preoccupations governing his mature work took root in England. The exhibition offers a fascinating and unfamiliar couple of paintings, from 1885 and 1886, in which he takes a lonely journey subject and charges it with potent pictorial conviction. In the end, however, the black-

found in The Graphic and the Illustrated London News provided a more direct source of inspiration for his work. The social realist images by Holl, Herkomer and Fildes, with their command of sinewy line and impassioned concern for the plight of the poor, corresponded with Vincent's hopes for his own art.

en years after his arrival in London, he purchased an almost complete run of The Graphic at auction in The Hague. "I have been looking at them far into the night," he wrote excitedly, describing how "all my memories of London came back to me . . . There is something stimulating and invigorating like old wine about those striking, powerful and virile drawings."

He cut out his favourite engravings and pasted them on grey or brown paper. Still pre-served in Amsterdam's Van Gogh and-white engravings Van Gogh . Museum, they have been lent to the

Barbican and displayed alongside his early paintings of peasant heads. The links between Vincent's work and William Small's The British Rough, or Mathew Ridley's The Miner, are persuasive indeed. The heads culminated in his early masterpiece, The Potato Eaters. which can only be represented in the show by an outsize colour

The Barbican has, however, managed to borrow the most compel-ling of all his London-inspired paintings. At first sight, Van Gogh's Chair would seem to bear no relation to English illustrators at all. A simple straw-seated chair, it shows Vincent at his most sturdy and rough-hewn. The pipe and tobacco pouch add a homely feeling, but the dizzily up-ended floor, combined with the bursh contours of the tiles dividing its surface. convey a less reassuring emotion.

In this respect, the painting owes a debt to Luke Fildes's The Empty Chair, drawn in Charles Dickens's

• BRICE MARDEN -PRINTS: Emerging in New York in the Fifties, Marden was more or less obliged to be an Abstract Expressionist at the beginning of his career. But he soon moved to a more severe, minimal style. His prints, many of the finest in black and white, go more or less in parallel with his paint-ings, and collectively make up

study after the novelist's death. Van

Gogh loved this picture, printed in

The Graphic. Dickens was his

favourite English writer, and he

bought a copy of The Empty Chair

after reading Edwin Drood in

1882. The pathos of the engraving

prompted Vincent to tell Theo that

sooner or later there will be

nothing but empty chairs in place

of Herkomer, Luke Fildes, Frank

In the light of those words, Van

Gogh's Chair takes on a tragic

significance. It was painted just before his suicide attempt, and

within two years he would be dead

himself. Maybe the severely de-

pressed artist regarded the chair

painting as his own memorial, as

noblest expressions of art".

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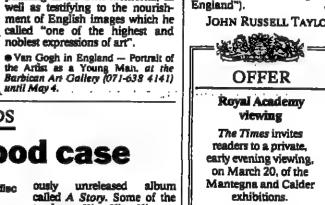
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one of the most important

● EGGLESTON: William Eggleston (born 1939) took up colour photography in the early Seventies. The attraction is the quality of his assonishing real/surreal im-ages, which take on hallucinatory intensity from his principle that "one could treat the Lincoln Memorial and an anonymous street corner with the same amount of care and the resulting two pictures would be equal.

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TELEVISION REVIEW

Clearly, not all flesh is grass, at least in Cornwall

hright moon illumi-nates a craggy Cornish coastal path; the sea boils and crashes on the rocks below. Two young cousins in evening clothes clutch one another in the moonlight, exhaustedly panting after a daring race along the cliffs. It is the summer of 1939, and the threat of war sizzles in the air. Their bodies heave together (in close frontal contact) and the night seems set for love. But what's this? "Eek," says the glossy blonde girl, looking down. "Oliver, what's that?"

"It's me," he drawls laconi-cally, with a curled lip. "It's my cock. I've got an erection. I want to poke it into you." Collapse of romantic expectations in viewers. Thank goodness Daphne du Maurier didn't live to see this day. Last night's first instalment

of Mary Wesley's The Camomile Lawn (Channel 4) was a perplexing affair, to be honest. For a story confessing to be "all about sex" it was certainly blunt (how often do you see the "woman being fitted with diaphragm" scene?) but it was about as erotic as a powdered egg sandwich eaten under a gasmask. In two hours it established a score of vividly differentiated characters (mostly related to one another, in

complex ways) and gave a few heavy hints as to what would happen to them in the next 40 years.

But what was all the joyless sex about? Surely not just to make the point "We were all young once"? Or "We did it a lot in the war, because there was nothing on the telly?? Surely Sir Peter Hall would not go to all the bother and expense of recreating wartime station-platforms labels on their coats) if the young protagonists of The Camomile Lawn are all so matter-of-fact about sex that they have no romance anywhere in their hearts?

We shall see what develops. In the meantime, there is plenty of plot to be going along with. The fact that the dramatis personae sounds like something from an Enid Blyton adventure (Aunt Helena and Uncle Richard: plus the cousins Oliver, Calyoso, Polly, Walter, little Sophy, and not forgetting the Twins") is mere unhappy

coincidence. The heardess, beautiful Calypso (Jennifer Ehle) reacts to the outbreak of war by marrying a rich Scottish MP, and then flashing her lipstick at servicemen at the Savoy. The emotionally stunted Oliver (Toby Stephen) keeps turning

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Helena (Felicity Kendal) and Richard (Paul Eddington)

up in London between dangerous campaigns and de-manding, in vain, that Calypso sleep with him. And the cool no-nonsense Polly (Tara Fitzgerald) gets fitted with a diaphragm and starts using men for a crash course in sexual inquiry, possibly in pursuance of a credit in an Open University degree.

The only people shown actually enjoying sex are Aum Helena (Felicity Kendal) and Max (Oliver Cotton) — but of course Max is an inspirational Austrian Jewish refugee violinist with wild frizzy hair, which obviously affords him the right. Also, poor Aum Helena has been humbered for 20 years with Uncle Richard (Paul Eddington), which explains why she is all pursed-up and ready for action. You see, Uncle Richard lost a leg in the Great War. and is prone to helpless blusterings, such as "I ask you!" and "If it weren't for

My Leg!". Searching deep into the sub-text, one suspects that this marks him as an unexciting lover. But on the other hand it also makes him one of the most enjoyable characters on screen, because his lines sound wittier than everyone

else's. "It seemed better for

about continuity between generations, or discontimuity? To judge from the marked differences in the ish film acting, still waving the ink dry on their certifi-

Jennifer Ehle is transfixing to look at, in a radiant, Meryl Streep kind of way; and she is surely the star of the show. But her affected Celia Johnson accent ("I'm not a girl who ken love") can soon start to drive you bananas.

Sophy to be with a woman," he shrugs, when his wife speeds home to Cornwall (from London) in an emergency. "I can't do much, not with My Leg." s The Camomile Lawn

performance styles, it is about the twain that not only never meet, but never exchange Christmas cards, either. The older characters — Helena, Richard, Max — are played in a robust naturalistic style, comfortable to television: while the young people (par-ticularly Calypso and Oliver) seem to have stepped straight out of a Nicholas Craig masterclass for wartime Britcates. It is distinctly odd.

ROCK RECORDS

Box makes a good case

Yoko Ono: Onobex (Rykodisc RCD 10224-29)

than can be said for a previ-

ontenders for the title of most reviled person in rock are not thin on the ground but Yoko Ono must surely be shortlisted. Is

Looking at her credentials from the point of view of the average rock punter, we might consider the following: she was, supposedly, the woman who broke up the Beatles; she inherited John Lennon's fortune and controis his estate; she is a Japanese feminist, with a past history as a conceptual artist; she sings like a cat with a crushed tail and has written songs with an unequalled embarrassment factor. Why should any sane person wish

to buy a definitive six-CD box set of her music? It is my belief that much of Yoko Ono's unpopularity is founded on thinly disguised racism, sexism and ignorance. The singing, however, is another matter. Here again

Many of the tracks from Disc 1, London Jam, were originally released as a companion to John Lennon's first solo LP in 1970. The albums were packaged with almost identical covers, sharing some similarities in their sound and their adherence to the Primal Scream theories of

Dr Arthur Janov. "Why" is a good example of the Janov effect, plunging us into the music at a peak intensity which few rock records have matched. The playing is stripped of decora-tion and Ringo Start drums like a man with visions of punk and disco buzzing around his head. Lennon's guitar is a revelation throughout. He sounds more driven, less bound by the cliches of the instrument, than any of his more celebrated guitarist contemporaries.

There is a strong sense in these recordings that the Lennons were working to a common goal John recognised the relationship be-tween Ono's utulating, wordless swoops and screeches and his own desire to push rock beyond its limitations. Later tracks from this per-

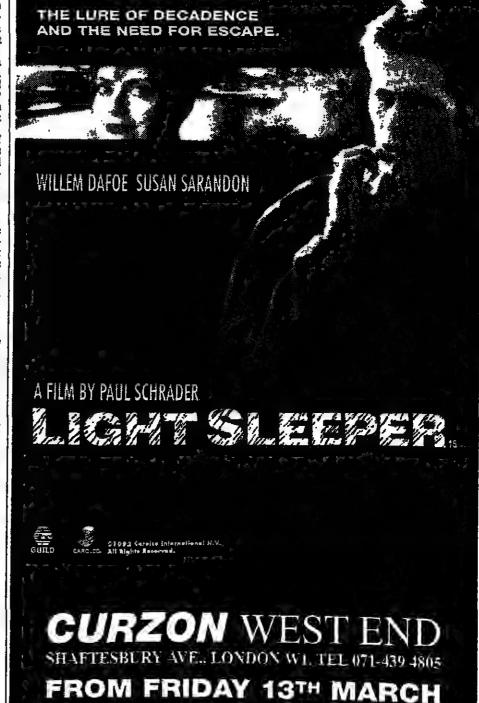
iod. released on a 1971 album called Fly, are more controlled and self-conscious in their experimentation, yet effective. From there on, the EYNNE TRUSS going becomes treacherous.

New York Rock is made up

equally excruciating, but even of tracks from a double alhere there is "Walking On bum originally called Approximately Infinite Uni-verse. They sound better now Thin Ice" to remind us that Yoko's work has an intensity and honesty too rare in rock. than they did in 1972: more

DAVID TOOP

tracks on Kiss, Kiss, Kiss are



Politics and the lost generation

Alice Thomson finds the youth of a key constituency left yawning by election fever

ary Ghattas worries about the state of the ozone layer, the old lady down her street, Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons and finding a cure for cancer. But on election night she will be fast asleep. At 19, she has had enough of politicians. "I don't see the point of it. They are all mouth and trousers. They keep saying they will do things and none of them do. I think they do more harm than good," she says. More than four million 18-22-

year-olds have the right to vote for the first time in the impending general election. They could decide the outcome - but it is notoriously difficult to overcome

their apathy.
The Mitcham and Morden constituency in south' London is regarded by all parties as a barometer of political opinion. The seat was created in 1974 and was a marginal Labour constituency until 1982, when the Falklands factor and the unpopularity of London Labour gave it to the Conservatives in a by-election. Labour now need a 5 per cent swing to take Mitcham and

The constituency has none of the rambling houses of neighbouring Wimbledon or the tower blocks of Streatham. The people are solidly middle class, they commute into central London and Croydon during the week and enjoy the local golf course and their back gardens at weekends. There is a growing ethnic population and a couple of council house estates.

Labour thinks it is in with a chance. Unemployment is running at 10.8 per cent, double the figures for 1990. The council is the only big employer, most of the jobs come from small shops and businesses, many of which have collapsed. High unemployment and rising crime have taken their toli. The young have been particularly hard hit by lack of jobs.

The young in Mitcham and Morden are not impressed that they could hold the key to such a vital marginal. After a day spent talking to 18 to 22-year-olds in the area, the impression was one of cynicism and ignorance. Few were interested in party politics though some cared about specific issues; racism, the environment, Aids. drug abuse and sexism. Most just want a job and money for

"Budger, what Budger" Even heard of the Budget. But mention the price of cigarettes or a pint of beer and they all had views, A few



Target audience: Dean Wade (left), and Stephen Smith are typical of the generation that party politicians must win over in order to succeed in Mitcham and Morden

Angela Rumbold, though no one knew that she was minister of state at the Home Office. Merton College is one of the oldest technical colleges in the country with 5,000 full and part-time students. Lunchtime in the canteen and no government."

one wants to talk politics. Samantha Austin, aged 18, feels her friends are being irresponsible. She has decided to watch all the political broadcasts and see which she prefers. Her father is an air traffic controller and her mother is a ledger clerk. Miss Austin something you just feel. wants to be a chef in the navy. Like-4.000 other people in the constitu-

ency, her parents have bought their council house under the Conservatives, but she thinks that they will vote Labour.
"We never talk about politics but my father is always saying what a

"I just don't think Labour can do any better. My mother had paper sheets on her bed when I was born organic meat and vegetables,

could name their present MP.

'I don't vote, I don't understand politics and I don't want to have any responsibility when things go wrong'

and that was under a Labour

She does not think any of the parties will do much for women or ethnic minorites. "I am black and a woman, the politicians are white and male, they don't understand about discrimination because it is

"If I were a politician I would treat everyone as equals, politely and with respect so that I set an example. I would ask people to recycle all their rubbish and I would give the young jobs so that they can be given a chance to prove themselves. I think SLD

At Deen City Farm, an inner city farm set up in 1973 which sells

David Rock, aged 21, has just been mucking out the gosts. He left his job as a civil servant a year ago and can't find another job, despite sending out 500 hand-written applications.

"I get income support and £10 a week for this job. But at least it keeps me busy, and by living at home rent free I can just about get by on £31 a week," he says. "Our family has always voted Tory but I don't třímk ľ can. I'll vote Labour. They seem more concerned about

Mr Rock feels his generation is being ignored by the politicians. inheriting this earth and none of the parties are doing anything to make it a better place. They are

their local university book-shop. Simon Charsley, a Glasgow lecturer on social

ly iced with footnotes.

scrutiny.

thing rather than find your-

self thinking back to the 1665

instructions for a "Bride Pye"

containing cocks' testicles.

oysters, veal sweethreads and

a live snake "to pass away

The history is not all that

startles: although I was much

taken by the rural custom in

which the oldest inhabitant of

the village "throws a plateful of shortbread over the bride's

head" after the ceremony. with attendants scrambling

only interested in finance. I think there is more to life than money, you never hear about the minister for social affairs, it's always that treasury man.

Merton Abbey Mills is the biggest success story of the 1980s in the area. The old cotton mills by the River Wandle have been turned into the Covent Garden of Mitcham, with quaint bookshops and pottery stalls and jugglers performing in the summer.

Late afternoon and Gary Blair, aged 22, a chef, is preparing pizza dough at the Gourmet Pizza Company. "I don't vote, I don't politics and I don't want to have any responsibility when things go wrong," he says. Mr Blair has come from Liverpool

25. 18 to 24-year-olds are less likely to vote than any other age group. Twenty-three per cent of 18 to 24-year-olds polled said they would vote Conservative, 29 per cent are committed to Labour and 8 per cent would vote for the Liberal Democrats. Thirty-four per cent are still undecided or will

ducted between February 21 and

Martin Minns is head of the youth department at Conservative Central Office and is now busy wooing first-time voters across the country. "We don't like to patronise them, we treat them like adults. They will vote for whichever party makes them better off like all other voters, but their vote is vital," he says. "I think our ace card is John Major. Without question he appeals to the young."

he Labour party has pro-duced a charter for young people which promises better housing facilities, student benefits and employment opportunities. The Liberal Demo-cratic party has a leaflet called: "Politics — What's the point?" and has pledged better training and education programmes. All the parties agree that they are going to have an uphill battle enticing young people to the polling

Nine o'clock in the evening on London Road, Morden, and Dean Wade, aged 22, and Stephen Smith, aged 19, are cleaning out the goldfish in the video shop. "I would vote Conservative, Labour hasn't got itself together and they are not a fit party to take us into Europe. Mr Kinnock seems outdated now compared to Mr Major," says Mr Smith, who is

working in the shop part-time. He went to John Major's old school. Rutlish school, and is now reading business, law and politics at Weybridge College and wants to to Manchester University. Labour is not being democratic when it says it wants to scrap private schools and private health care. We need a choice to give us hadn't brought in student loans."

via Winchester in search of jobs. "Britain has had it. This place is

quiet now, people can't afford

pizzas. We get old people who are qualified teachers, bankers and accountants asking if they can wait tables. I don't think any

The Pollards Hill Estate on the

other side of the constituency was built in the 1950s. It has a high crime rate and little except a pub

and a youth centre by way of entertainment. Matt and Keith,

both aged 22 and part-time work-

snooker in the Horse and Groom.

Neither of them will be voting at the election because they have not paid the poll tax. "I would vote Conservative if I could because I

hate Neil Kinnock," Matt says.

"But I trust John Major, he's one

of the boys, he wears safety pins in

his suits, doesn't he? I just hope he

According to a Mori poll con-

and cars.

government can help."

Mr Wade, the manager, pronounces himself "gobsmacked". 'I didn't know you were into politics," he says to his colleague. He has not thought how he will vote but says it will probably be Labour. "I don't think a state school is much of a choice and the NHS is a downright lottery. When my mother had an emergency back operation they were wonder ful but my sister nearly died of pneumonia

"Shops are closing down every day along this street. The Conservatives can't seem to get themselves together on the economy. How can you be so sure about

"They tax you on everything and when you die they want more. doesn't put up tax on fags, booze They took £40,000 from my uncle. I think we'd better stick to talking about football and films."

Boarderline cases

neaking and bullying will be on the curriculum this weekend, when a group of grown men goes back to public school: not to teach, but as pupils.

The course for "boarding-school survivors" is survery

school survivors" is supervised by Nick Duffell, a psychotherapist and a former border at Radley, and Rob Bland, a writer, formerly at Christ's Hospital. This time around, the boys are re-visiting childhood only in their minds, while they remain physically at an outpost of London University, in Hampstead.
"It is a platitude that people

from boarding schools recog-nise one another by their selfconfidence," Mr Duffell says. In his private practice, he says, he began to notice that some identify each other in a different way: through what he describes as "a quality of woundedness". He stresses he is not against sending child-ren away for schooling. "I would suggest that some boarding schools could bene-fit some children after the age of 14. But not until puberty does a child's peer group become more important than its family.

"My aim is simply to enable men to share their experiences of boarding," he says. Modest enough, yet Mr Duffell believes this subverts the first and fiercest taboo instilled by the traditional British school. Tell anyone about a disturbing episode, and you are a sneak. If the course allows people to break this code in safety. Mr Duffell reasons, perhaps the emotional legacy can be unravelled.

Having found it difficult to thread my way through the assorted sneaks and creeps in ten years boarding at Mariborough, I decided to attend the last course, It drew a familiar cross-section of public school products: a televison-news producer, a rock impresario, a former convict. The con had walked from the door of one boarding institution straight

through the slightly more

Mr Duffell asked each of us

secure portals of the next.

Old boys come to terms at last with the alma mater

why we had come. Most of

the 16 participants, ranging from their early twenties to late fifties, were unable to answer directly. Some spoke vaguely of a sinking feeling on Sunday evenings, the time when as children they were habitually deposited back at school. Others said they wanted to beat up bullies wherever they found them in adult life. Toasted Torn Browns were not the only ones represented. One or two guilt-struck Flashmans admitted abusing smaller boys. Last of all, a tweedy man in

his fifties described with a level voice how every day for

'Boarders recognise one another by a quality of woundedness'

five years he had been forced by his pre-school headmaster to stand last in queues, and been humiliated in front of other pupils. How did he put up with it? "My nanny believed that if one cried, one should be left alone and learn not to complain. I learnt well," he said.

Structure was hard to discern during the course, which lasted two weekends, a month apart. Discussion of specific school memories - heroes and villains, say - merged with group exercises. Mr Duffell's technique seemed aimed at altering our attitude to the feelings aroused by each memory.

Early on, we were asked to adopt the role our mothers had played in deciding our fates. Embarrassment had long since evaporated. Men who had earlier denounced

fluting: "He is so happy there, his teachers tell me." Then the fathers had their turn: "Of course, I hated it too. Blubbed my heart out first. But it did me all the good in the world." The cliches flowed. Some said they felt mief at being able at last to relief at being able at last to absolve their parents. Others feared they would repeat the

Are parents still as deaf to their children's unhappiness? The youngest man to have come of the course was 18, the eldest 67," Mr Duffell says. "Mostly it is those in their thirties. That may be an indicator." Nor is it only men who leave public school with mixed feelings. Later in the year Mr Duffell intends to start a series of courses for A month later, the group

was bolder. When asked if

their attitudes to boarding school had altered in the break, they cut across their earlier obfuscations. If there was consensus, it was that the memories had flooded back. and seemed more immediate. "Imagine how you would feel now, if you walked back through the school gates," said Mr Bland, towards the end. Some spoke of experiencing a new compassion for children who are sent away. When he opened his eyes, one participant said he had blown away his prep-school headmaster and matron with a shotgun, then lined up classmates along a cliff-edge, before pushing them off, one by one. "Great!" Mr Bland gig-

Six months later, what has altered? I recently remarked to a contemporary that I had attended the course. "I would never spend a weekend with a group of men on a course," he said. "Too much like going back to school." He mentioned, before the subject changed, that he intended putting any child from his new marriage down at birth for our aima mater. The old-school tie still binds him. My reaction now? The mention of public school bores me.

> ALEC RAINGER nes Newspapers Ltd 1992

From virginal icing to fruity interior, the centrepiece of a wedding is more than a piece of cake nybody contemplat-ing an Easter wedding **Cultural history**, A ing an Easter wedging might do well to avoid the anthropology shelf of



Tiers before bedtime: the traditional wedding cake carries a multitude of messages

for the crumbs to put under their pillows so they can dream of sweethearts. Sometimes it was "a sieve containing bread and cheese" which assailed the bridal hairdo. Nor will a modern girl blush - though she might grind her teeth - at the undentable fact that the looming great plum-cake is a blatant symbol

of herself. Hence the general

excitement and approval

when she and the groom plunge the knife together into the virgin icing. Cake-makers, says the author, have always had a problem: either the icing is so virtuously hard you buckle the knife, or so easy and yielding the pillars sink in and it can't carry the responsibilities of a top tier for the future baby. Shucks, we girls just can't get it right. But the bride might quail at

some of the mutations indeed, the logical extensions
— of the British "Edwardian" traditional cake. In Bangalore they turn out huge tiered cakes made of iced cardboard, with a wedge of fruit cake inserted into the base for realistic cutting. In Japan they have also cottoned on to the fact that nobody particularly likes eating weddingcake, so build elaborate but

"Even the icing is hard wax," Mr Charsley says. "A decorated knife has to be thrust into a slot at the back of the 'cake'. A mechanism may then respond with a dramatic cloud." of steam." No. on the whole, don't tell the bride about

How the whole thing got so out of hand is fascinating to trace. Mr Charsley sees the 20th century cake as having come together out of different traditions: the medieval habit of feasting on rich fruit cake, the 18th century develop-ment of icing, and the "Puri-tan diversion of a white wedding, which was devised entirely to disguise the sexual theme of marriage". Most of all, the towering cake is a survival of the Victorian mania for piling up all dishes in formal pyramids.

Strikes a chord: as Mr Charsley says, everyone creates their own symbolism around it. I tried, but could only get the image of a tiny bride and groom teetering on an improbable pinnacle of happiness, while their friends and relatives nibble away at the structure that supports them. "See?" he said. "Everyone creates their own symbols."

But cakes are changing. Mr Charsley puts this down to social evolution and sugarpaste technology. "As marriage ceases to be a standard contract and becomes a very personal arrangement. the standard wedding-cake will decline," he says. "You get softer, more individual outlines with sugarpaste." He cites a couple, each with children from a previous marriage, whose cake was "surmounted by a delightful model in natural colours, of themselves together on a settee with their new combined family perched around them". It is not suggested where divorced spouses might feature on such a cake. Perhaps they could be disgruntled caryatids, holding up the top tier while their feet sink dangerously into the

icing below. LIBBY PURVES MY MARCH ,

Serving a sentence of hard labour

A Commons report has focused concern on the rival merits of home or hospital delivery. Liz Gill asks whether too much medical intervention at birth could be a cause of post-natal problems

nowing that only a couple of generations ago her chances of dy-ing in childbirth would have been high, today's new mother may feel it appears ungrateful to complain about a few post-natal piles.

Yet such ailments, along with backaches, headaches, depression, extreme fatigue and stress incontinence (an occasional loss of bladder control) can overshadow women's lives for years. And a recent survey by Birmingham University, Health After Childbirth, estimates that at least one symptom may affect nearly half the 650,000 women who have babies every year.

The debate over modern birth practices arose again this week with the report of the Commons Select Committee on Health which called for more home deliveries and an expanded role for midwives. Such moves, some experts believe, could improve not only a woman's experience of labour but her long-term health.

The whole area of post-natal well-being has been neglected, according to Dr Cathryn Glazener, a Welkome research fellow in the subject at the health service's research unit at Aberdeen University. Yet, she says, it is an area that can have a profound effect on mothers and babies and subsequently on future generations. "If you have a bad experi-ence you may react badly to your children and that can have longlasting effects in later life."

Although an obstetrician herself, Dr Glazener would welcome a move towards making midwives the primary carers, particularly if it ensured continuity of care. That would do more to improve post-natal health than any other measure," she says. "It would also hopefully mean fewer [Caesarean] sections and forceps deliveries. which tend to be initiated by legislation-wary doctors."

Dr Glazener, who is analysing the results of a study into the postnatal care of a thousand women, says the subject is very under-researched. "In ante-natal work you can see dramatic results: at delivery you can rescue the most appalling cases. But post-natal work is not life and death stuff."

Just because maternal mortality has in the main been cracked, she says, it is now assumed that you have the baby and just go away and get better. "Yet we found lots of physical symptoms - what you might call 'minor problems' but which mean many women are suffering things that may be painful or debilitating. At least one

seems to happen to almost everyone. These can add up." Physical ailments following childbirth are not the only area of neglect, says Dr Glazener, "There are also profound psychological changes in the transition to motherhood which the professionals do not prepare mothers for because even they do not properly under-stand them." A lot of post-natal depression, she believes, goes

illness as such. Her survey studied women's health in the immediate period after birth as well as in the longer term. "Even if you are not chronically affected, what happens in the short term is still very important," she says. "I had a lot of problems

unrecognised because it is not an

'In many cases women are still so rushed. They are treated like greyhounds making for the finishing tape'

myself breast-feeding my first baby which went on for months and because of them it took me a long time to adjust to her."

The Birmingham report also looked at the frequency and range of such problems among its 11,700 subjects, of whom around 40 per cent were first-time mothers. It concentrated on symptoms that arms within three months of a birth and lasted more than six weeks. The most distant delivery it. covered was nine years.

Conditions such as pains or weakness in the limbs, visual disturbances, migraines, dizziness and tingling sensations in the hands affected between one and three per cent of mothers. Others were far more common, including backache (14 per cent), haemoroids (8 per cent), depression (9.1 per cent) and extreme fangue (12.2 per cent).

The study also examined the connection such problems may have with anaesthesia and obstetric procedures as well as the age. social class and marital status of

the mother. Dr Christine MacArthur, a research fellow in the department of public health and epidemiology at the university, points to a number of interesting associations that this area of the study turned up. "Headaches, for instance, were associated with epidurals only when backache occurred as well. Similarly, neck ache was only

was back pain too; otherwise it was linked with long labour." Farigue, on the other hand, tended to be linked to social factors, particularly single parenthood; haemorrhoids with delivery factors such as a longer labour and

associated with epidurals if there

a bigger baby; stress incontinence with older modiers. Researchers excluded any comlaints that had existed before the birth and any that could not be precisely dated, so the incidence may be even greater than the

report suggests.

"At the moment we do not know how severe these symptoms are or their effect on women's lives," says Dr MacArthur, who has three children of her own. What they do know is that a lot of women do not go to their doctors. Of the 14 per cent who had stress incontinence,

Women may be too stoical, she says. "I am sure that happens. You have a friend who has something similar and you think, 'Oh well, that's it, we just have to put up with

"Of course some people will say the opposite; that it is just women being neurotic. But if that were the case, those who complained about anxiety and depression would be more likely to complain about other symptoms as well and there was no indication of that."

She regards the study as a starting point for other, more detailed, research. "At this stage we can only say there are associa-tions, not causes. These are hy-potheses for further testing. We want to look at the severity and the impact on quality of life." There are also cultural aspects to be researched. A lot of women reporting pains in the limbs, for example, were Asian, and many Asians in Britain have diets deficient in vitamin D. which is not compensated for by sunlight.

Dr Joe Jordan, a spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, says the sort of symptoms highlighted by the study are often the stuff of musichall jokes. "Yet they are no joke to a new mother whose life has been turned upside down and who is in no condition psychologically to cope with any ailment." Suffering is not the automatic legacy of motherhood, he says.



The actual problems mentioned in the survey are well recognised by obstetricians, according to Dr Jordan, but he and his colleagues were surprised to see how many women have them. He feels it has highlighted the importance of asking mothers about such prob-

lems when they attend check-ups. Sheila Kittinger, a writer and researcher on birth and related issues, believes many of the problems stem from interventionist techniques. "Things have improved but in many cases women are still so rushed. They are treated

like greyhounds making for the finishing tape." The attitude of "the quicker the better", she believes, means labour is speeded up, pain relief is given

consequences and women are told to push too hard, too soon. "Other mammals give birth without someone hovering over them shouring push, push, push all the consequences and women are told to push too hard, too soon. "Other doing well," says Ms Kitzinger.

Dr MacArthur is not sure what, if any, avoidance measures women the midwife who has overseen her entire pregnancy. "It is the person the state of the sta

Most episiotomies, Ms Kitzinger believes, are not necessary, but result from women being rushed through the second stage of labour. She encourages women to have a birth plan and to work closely with their carers so that they can make informed choices.

Where symptoms do occur, she says, they may be trivialised or brushed aside. Women often do not know what to expect, so do not protest. Furthermore, there is often no real follow-up. "If a wom-

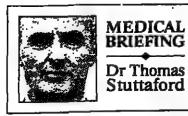
without thinking of long-term an's womb is not actually falling out system where the woman consequences and women are told out when she goes for her six-week delivers the baby in hospital but

can take if complaints arise from a long labour or a bigger baby or being older. While many conditions can be treated, women may not recognise them as medical conditions. "Extreme fatigue could be related to undiagnosed and untreated anaemia. But how many women go to the doctor with that thinking it might have a medical cause?" she asks. "They think it's because they have been up half the night."

Dr Glazener believes the ideal is the "domino" (domiciliary in and you relate to, not the place. Studies such as hers and Dr

MacArthur's raise questions about women returning to work when they are perhaps not fully restored to health. Certainly we should not expect superwomen, says Dr Glazener. "I think it takes at least a year to get back to normal and women who go back quickly can be vulnerable. On the other hand, it sometimes helps with this sense of shock if you go back to doing something you did before as your 'normal' self."

Male cancer that is ignored



THIS month doctors from all over the world will gather in London at the Institute of Urology to discuss the prostate. This is the gland in the male that encircles the urethra, the tube leading from the bladder.

The prostate secretes three-fifths of the seminal fluid. Its sexual function

and its position (it can only be felt through the rectum), mean that it rarely becomes the lead topic. at dinner table conversation. But in this instance, silence has cost lives. Cancer of the prostate kills five times as many men as cancer of the cervix kills women, and is rapidly catching up with breast cancer as a cause of death. Despite these statistics, no visitor from Mars reviewing press reports or listening to government spokesmen as they quite rightly extol the virtues of screening for women would guess the relative importance of these various

Although it is little publicised. screening can detect cancer of the prostate. In recent years it has been

shown that a protein, the prostatic specific antigen (PSA), is secreted by the prostate in increasing quantities as the gland enlarges. The normal level of PSA is less than four ug/ml. but this increases slightly in the benign enlargement that affects the majority of men as they reach late middle age. If the PSA level reaches ten ug/ml, 70 per cent of the patients will have a significant cancer of the prostate. However, in older men small pockets of malignant cells can exist in the gland without significant danger to the patient.

Men with a raised PSA should

have the prostate examined by ultrasound and, if necessary, needle biopsy. If the tumour is localised, early

surgery gives a 65 per cent chance of surviving for ten years. As well as saving lives, a screening programme would reduce the number of men condemned to suffer lingering ill-

health, and pain, for years. By virtue of their age, or the nature of the disease, not all patients are suitable for radical surgery, and some do better with hormone treatment. But whatever the treatment selected, it is becoming apparent that neither the Institute of Urology nor the general public will accept that preventive screening should be restricted to women while their male partners are allowed to go uninvestigated and undiagnosed, in many cases to an

unnecessarily early grave.

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breeding ground for bacteria.

the colony count rose ten-fold. No disease was found to have been caused by the headsets, but some of the 51 different strains of bacteria that were isolated were potentially dangerous, and includ-ed Staphylococcus aureus and the dreaded Pseudomonas, both of which are frequent causes of wound infections in hospitals.





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Ms Kilbane's behaviour became disturbed, she complained of headaches, her speech was slurred and her movements were awkward and later restricted. She has now lapsed into coma.

She is suffering from subacute sclerosing panencephalitis (SSPE). The obvious incentive for parents to have their children inoculated when MMR was first introduced was to spare them an almost inevitably unpleasant disease which was frequently complicated by pneumonia. enteritis, damaged cars and eyes and occasionally enceph-

If this was not enough to persuade parents to take their



children to the clinic, this column suggested that the one-in-a-million chance of SSPE should decide the issue.

in Ms Kilbane's case, the incubation period was unusually long. Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis normally develops within five to ten years. Nobody knows what reactivates a virus, but her symptoms are fairly classic.

The patient's mood usually becomes contrary and awkward, school performance falls off and after several weeks or months of inexplicably disturbed behaviour. localising neurological signs can be detected. The patient will have fits, develop a spastic paralysis and lapse into coma. The diagnosis can be confirmed by electron microscopy and immunofluorescence, but there is no

in 1988 there were nearly 200 cases of measies, whereas in the last week of January this year, the peak period for the disease, there were only 182. SSPE is so horrendous, and so unexpected when it strikes, that it is astounding that even 182 parents have taken the risk of allowing their child to develop it.

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Fox's friend pursues the voters

Brian Davies halted the Canadian babyseal hunt. Now he wants to stop British foxhunting. Michael McCarthy met him

not a well-known name in the shires, where the Pytchley, the Cottesmore and the Quorn hunt, but it is one

He is nothing like the Saturdayafternoon antis they know and loathe, but they will hate him far more, very likely, with his mid-Atlantic accent, his talk of direct mail shots and media buys and, especially, the photographs of him shaking hands with Britain's party

He seems the unlikeliest opponent of foxhunting ever to have stepped on to the British political stage. Burly, white-bearded and nattily dressed, fired with the message, and married to a glamorous woman named Gloria, who partners him in all his doings, he could pass for an American tele-vision evangelist. But Mr Davies's vocation is animal welfare. He is the man who, in a 20-year-campaign, from 1964, ended the Canadian baby-seal hunt, a bloody annual harvest 250 years'

In the process the pressure group he founded grew into the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), which now claims nearly a million supporters in eight countries and an annual income from their donations of \$15 million, large parts of which are devoted to high-pressure publicity campaigns against animal cruelty around the world.

Now Mr Davies has come home, metaphorically, and turned his attention and money to the issue of hunting animals with hounds in Britain. He is spending. he says, £1 million on IFAW's antihunting campaign in the run-up to the general election.

The claim seems credible enough: his gruesome advertise-ments, "blood-spattered" images of the kill, can be seen covering full pages in national newspapers and on large hoardings.

Mr Davies, aged 57, is a Welshman who emigrated to Can-ada in 1955. By his own admission, he was an educational failure. After five years in the Canadian army, he was running a small local animal protection society when a documentary film awoke Canada to the reality of its seal hunt. This large-scale slaugh-

rian Davies is probably not a well-known name whitecoats, for their short-lived pure-white fur, took place on the ice at the mouth of the St Lawrence river.

Mr Davies became an observer of the hunt, then the leading campaigner against it, and then its eventual vanquisher. In the process he also became famous, influential, and affluent.

He denies that he is rich. He declines to disclose the salary he draws from the huge sums IFAW pulls in for its campaigns, solicited by direct mail, but he is clearly far

After official hostility drove him from Canada, he set up IFAW's headquarters in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and an English headquarters in Crowborough, East Sussex. He moved to Florida, and he now travels between these locations at will. He is a mid-Atlantic man with an accent to match, half Welsh lilt, half North American twang.

r Davies saw the annual slaughter of seals, when the whitecoats were battered and skinned in their thousands -- sometimes while still alive - but has never followed a foxhunt or met any foxhunters.

So why has he turned his attention to them? And why now? 'I have been looking for a political situation where there was the possibility of raising animal wel-fare up the agenda of the various political parties, and Britain at this time is just perfect," he says.

"We have an election coming up soon, where the government is likely to change hands for a handful of seats, and these seats will change hands for a handful of votes. It is the perfect situation to try and move animal welfare along in a political sense, and demonstrate to politicians that there are

Mr Davies's talents are those of the American political lobbyist, and he is as pragmatic as they come. Foxhunting, for him, is a means to an end, the issue which just now is capable of dragging animal welfare behind it into a mainstream position on the British political agenda. Not that he is slow in condemning the hunt.
"I think it's an awful, wicked



Animal politician: Brian Davies has bought access to the main party leaders by contributing to their funds. Bottom right, his £1 million advertising campaign

thing to be doing, foxhunting. Chasing foxes with, what, forty horses, forty dogs, to catch them and, one way or another, tear them to pieces. It's just a wicked, awful thing to do." he says.

As cruel as the seal hunt? "In terms of numbers, no. In terms of the violence inflicted on the animais, absolutely." He does not work in an emotion-

al way, however, and will not be found with the saboteurs, shouting at the meet. His way of effecting change, he says, is through the democratic political process. The shires had better beware: this is a

new kind of animal, whose most evident attributes are lobbying skills, pragmatism and serious

These have quickly brought him an astonishing range of political access. In the past year, IFAW has donated £100,000 to the Labour party, £68,000 to the Tories, and £20,000 to the Liberal Democrats, attached: This has resulted in meetings and photo-opportunities with John Major and Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, two meetings with Neil Kinnock, and two with Paddy Ashdown.

Tory pro-hunting diehards are unlikely to realise that pictures of all of them adorn his latest mail shots seeking yet more funds for the hunting fight. One shows a smiling Mr Major, who abstained in the recent hunting vote in the Commons, shaking Mr Davies

warmly by the hand: Mr Davies says he has no particular political allegiance and does not care which party bans hunting, as long as one of them present campaign needs more than just advertisements: it needs a party - and at the moment itcan only be Labour - actively to seek votes with a strong antihunting policy. Last week an IFAW-commissioned MORI poll offered the bait: in 52 key marginals, it said, the Conservatives could lose if anti-hunting Tories switched to Labour.

Labour will unveil its latest animal welfare campaign today, but even if the party fails to come out strongly against hunting, Mr Davies says he will not be

"We will be here at the next election, and the next, and the next," he says. "If Labour loses, I

will focus on raising our membership in historically marginal seats. and my guess is that over four to five years I could produce 2,000 to 3,000 people in each marginal who will vote, and encourage others to vote, for candidates who are opposed to hunting. I suspect that eventually the Conservative party might have a change of mind on this issue, but whether it does or doesn't, it's an issue that

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TOTAL, the French oil company, is spending £80 million on newlook filling stations, aimed at cutting queues and making pumps easier to use. More than 600 forecourts in Britain will have new layouts and be painted in red and white brand colours. The Tops scheme, which offers gift vouchers for Boots and Marks & Spencer with every litre logged on a credit card, will be extended. Total says Tops increased sales by more than 10 per cent in January.

La Golf

THE new Volkswagen Golf has been chosen as the What Car? magazine's 1992 Car of the Year. Women were the first to be asked to the showrooms to see the model, which came on to the British market this week. Half of Golf buyers are women and the company sets aside a day for them to visit showrooms exclusively. Prices of the car range from a little less than £9,400 to £19,199.

Other What Car? awards included: best value car, Ford Fiesta 1.1; best small hatchback, Peugeot 106XT; best company car, BMW 318i; best hot hatchback, Nissan Sunny GTi; best sporting saloon, Subaru Legacy 2.0 Turbo 4wd; best executive car, Saab 9000CS 2.0; best sports, VW Corrado G60; best all-terrain, Vauxhall Frontera; best estate, Mitsubishi Spacewagon; best high performance, Honda NSX; best diesel, Citroën ZX 1.9D Avantage; best security award, Vauxhall Motors.

Britain converts

SALES of cars with catalytic converters doubled in Britain last year. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders says 1991 sales were 276,760, about 17 per cent of all new cars sold. The society says public awareness of "cats" is growing quickly. Fourth-quarter sales of the clean cars were 24 per cent higher than in the last three months of 1990.

Bags of safety

BMW is offering air bags as an option on all its cars. The bag, packed in the steering wheel, is triggered by impact and inflates instantly to cushion the driver's head. It then deflates immediately to allow the driver to escape from the car. The bags cost £745.

Top people's cars go hi-tech

Kevin Eason, at the Geneva Motor Show, discovers how Aston, Rolls-Royce and Jaguar aim to survive the new climate

tin Lagonda's exhibition stand could not have provided a higger contrast.

Marooned among high-technology cars shaped like darts was a pair of muscular hand-built sports cars. They could have come from another planet, so different in

culture were Aston's big bruisers. Even the launch of a new model seemed an anachronism in the caring, environmentally aware 1990s. The company unveiled an estate version of its Virage sports car called the Shooting Brake.

Apart from the distinction of a

£165,000 price, about the cost of

16 Ford Escorts, the Shooting Brake also stood out as the only model on view at the Geneva Motor Show with a purpose-built gunbox, complete with shotgun. If the theme of the show was the challenge of the future, Aston's hunting, shooting and fishing estate car seemed a throwback to a distant past when the super-rich could indulge in wood and leather

luxury motoring.

The trouble is that the super-

he view from Aston Mar- rich have not been reaching into their pockets with much enthusiasm lately, so that Britain's luxury motor business has been hit hard. Aston built 235 cars in its best year of 1989 but this year it will make only about 150.

Across the aisle at the show, Rolls-Royce executives were hoping the company would build 2,000 cars this year, although that would be well below the 1989 record of 3,300.

There was also Jaguar, sales down by 40 per cent and strug-gling to justify the £1.6 billion that Ford paid for the business. Jag-uar's exhibition star was the XJ220, which is £350,000 worth of sleek supercar and is capable of almost 220mph.

Those three symbols of all that was best in British motoring are now battling for survival. Some analysts think they may not win that battle in an age when the trend is towards the utilitarian, and developing cars that are cleaner and more economical.

Mazda showed off its little HR-X hydrogen-powered car. The car



Just the job if you have £165,000: the Aston Martin Shooting Brake, now on display at Geneva introduce new productivity meauses an adapted version of thirsty British luxury cars. Where

Mazda's rotary engine, and the only emission from the tail pipe is water. Mazda says the car could be in production before 2000. Ford and General Motors,

which includes Vauxhall, showed electrically powered cars. Bob Eaton, GM's Europe president, says there is no doubt that the battery car will be in use long before the end of the century.

sures and bring the Aston into line is their place in 2000?

Walter Hayes, the only Briton to sit on Ford's main board and now running Aston, readily defines a role for cars that embody some of the world's finest skills.

Aston has never made big profits but Mr Hayes is unwilling to change a business that takes 1,500 hours to make a car, including 56 hours on the handbuilt engine alone. So why not

with its futuristic competitors? Mr Hayes says: "Cutting corners and changing the basic way the car is made is not what Aston is about. An Aston is something special. It is not bought in comparison with other cars but only because it is an Aston."

Rolls-Royce also counters the environmental argument against super luxury cars by pointing out 2,000 to 3,000 cars a year out of world vehicle production of 35 million. Petrol consumed by a 6.7litre Rolls-Royce is a pinprick on global consumption figures.

Of 11,430 Astons and Lagondas made since 1914, there are 8,500 still on the road, emphasising their ability to outride the motor industry's fads and

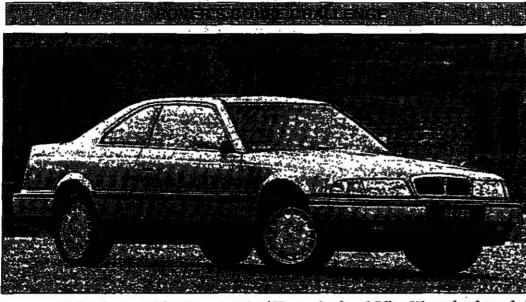
That does not mean, however, that Aston or Rolls-Royce must not change. Both are adopting new technologies to their needs.

Aston is using the brains of the Ford company to develop Aston muscle and Mr Hayes is getting the Detroit company's specialists involved in projects for the tiny manufacturer at Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire.
Rolls-Royce has introduced the

world's first electronically controlled active ride suspension system, which constantly balances the car, a system developed by just four men at the manufacturers' factory in Crewe, Cheshire.

The marriage of technology to traditional skills is not an unhappy one and will salvage the future of the British luxury motor industry. Mr Hayes is certain the industry

will survive and prosper, satisfying the tastes of the few who can buy



Rover unveiled its first coupé for 20 years at the Geneva show. The car is the flagship for the 800 range, intended to compete with BMW and Mercedes. Rover wants the coupé to stand out from the crowd. Using the Honda-built 2.7-litre v6 overhead camshaft with four valves per cylinder and catalytic converter, and is available with five-speed manual gearbox or four-speed automatic. The car accelerates from 0 to 60 in 8.2 seconds (manual), has a top speed of 133mph(manual), and fuel consumption of 22.1 miles to the gallon in town.

Spies in the showroom

YOUR Vauxhall dealer may at any moment face an under-cover customer sent by the company to find out how well he treats potential buyers, Kevin Eason writes.

Vauxhall's "mystery buyers", as they are known, check all 600 dealers every three months. They come from an independent agency with the brief to find out whether salesmen do their job properly or use the Arthur Daley tactics of offering discounts at the expense of what the customer needs. The results are given to the dealer for guidance in his business. Even tape recordings of telephone con-versations with salesmen are played back.

Peter Batchelor, Vauxhall's sales and marketing director, says dealers have discovered whether they are making serious mistakes. The checks become particularly important for Vauxhall as it tries to change some of the psychology of buying a car in Britain.

New car sales have been built on discounting. The salesmen

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knew whether customers expected to negotiate prices before they entered the showroom. Under that system salesmen categorised their buyers, from the hard-nosed type unwilling to sign without squeez ing the last penny of discount from the dealership, to the people called "vicars' wives", who never request a discount.

Vauxhall is trying to eliminate the unfairness with a fixed-price system giving dealers a fixed profit on every car. Instead of the dealer taking 17 per cent of the price and then discounting, Vauxhall has pinned the margin to a flat 10 per cent on some of its cars. The scheme, started with the new Astra, was greeted with scepticism. Mr Batchelor is having the last laugh because Astra sales are far higher than last year's and the model is now a best seller. The policy has been extended to Carlton and Fronters models and will be extended to other new cars as they are introduced.

The drawback for the salesman is that the old tactics of using only discounting as an attraction has to be abandoned in favour of pointing out cars' other qualities to

After six months, the scheme is such a success that Vauxhall is considering extending it to study its head office. Mystery buyers could even call executives, including perhaps Mr Batchelor, to see how well he does his job. "Why not?" he says. "This method shows us how we can improve our business and why should that not

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Justices cannot stay care order

Before Mr Justice Ewbank [Judgment February 28]

Justices had no power to grant a stay of a care order made under the Children Act 1989.

Where a child was truanting from school it was open to justices to conclude that the conditions required for the making of a care order had been satisfied.

Mr Justice Waite so held in the Family Division dismissing a child's appeal against a care order granted by Maidenhead Justices to Berkshire County Council.

Mr David G. P. Turner for the child; Miss Gillian Brasse for the local authority: Mrs Diane Barnen for the guardian ad litem; Miss Cherry Harding for the

MR JUSTICE EWBANK said that the care order had been made because of the child's failure to go to school. The justices had then granted a stay of the order pending an appeal.

The Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 had had a specific

(Thames Vailey) Ltd and Another v Director General

Justice Steyn and Sir Christopher

Two companies which had

pleaded guilty to contempt of the Restrictive Practices Court would

appeal where the legal basis on which their plea was tendered had

subsequently been shown to be

The Court of Appeal so held in granting applications by Ready Mixed Concrete (Thames Valley) Ltd and Pioneer Concrete (UK)

Ltd for leave to appeal out of time against their convictions for con-

tempt of court in the Restrictive Practices Court (The Times Octo-

Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Paul Smith for Ready Mixed Concrete; Mr Michael Crystal, QC and Mr Christopher Vajda for Pioneer; Mr Stephen Richards for the Director General of Fair

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

said that in the Restrictive Prac-

tices Court the applicants and two

guilty to breaching undertakings or injunctions against contraven-

other companies had ple

ber 15, 1990; [1991] ICR 52).

Ready Mixed

of Fair Trading

[Judgment February 27]

Extension of time

to appeal

provision whereby a court could grant a stay of execution of an order made under that Act. Under the 1989 Act the only power to grant a stay was under section 40 which was of no relevance to a stay once a care order had been made.

The local authority and the guardian ad litem argued that justices did not have an inherent jurisdiction to grant a stay and in the absence of any statutory power they had no such power.

It appeared to his Lordship that that argument was compelling and that justices did not have such a power. Accordingly, if an appeal was being considered against a care order and a stay was required, the proper course was to apply to the High Court where provision was made for a judge to be available at any time to deal with such applications.

Mr Turner had argued that under the 1989 Act a care order was not the appropriate way to deal with trusncy from school. Trusncy had been a specific ground for making a care order

ing the Restrictive Trade Prac-tices Act 1976. They had tendered their pleas

on the basis of legal advice, which

was that they were vicariously liable for the actions of their employees. One of the convicted

companies, Smiths Concrete Ltd.

had appealed.

The Court of Appeal in In resupply of Ready Mixed Concrete (The Times July 26, 1991; [1991]

3 WLR 707) had quashed Smiths conviction, deciding that mere vicarious liability was not enough to establish contempt by a company where it had prohibited its employees from acting in breach of the injunction and had taken adequate steps to ensure that the

adequate steps to ensure that the prohibition was observed.

The applicants had pleaded guity on advice which was reasonable at the time and had acted reasonably promptly once

the law had been settled by the House of Lords refusing the

House of Lords remaing the director general leave to appeal in In re supply of Ready Mixed Concrete. The director general had not been prejudiced by the failure to appeal on time save that what might have been regarded as a closed case would be re-

Lord Justice Steyn and Sir Christopher Slade agreed.

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Persons Act 1969 but it was not a specific ground under the 1989

Education supervision orders under section 36 of the 1989 Act had been introduced to deal with children who did not go school Therefore, it was argued, the local education authority should have made an application under that-

It was clearly correct that in an ordinary case an education super-vision order should be the first step to be taken to secure a child's attendance at school.

The local authority had argued, however, that there had been no point in asking the court to make such an order because everything that could have been done und the order had already been tried. In his Lordship's judgment, there was much force in that and on the facts the local authority had been right not to make such an application.

As to whether the conditions under section 31 of the 1989 Act had been met, it had been entirely open to the justices to conclude

'Regina v Legal Aid Board. Ex parte Hughes

A legal aid committee, when satisfying themselves that an ap-plicant had reasonable grounds

a single judge deciding whether to grant leave.

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division when dismissing an application for judicial review by Gina Marie Hughes of the decision of the North West Area Committee of the Legal Aid Board dismissing her armeal from the refusal by the

her appeal from the refusal by the

area director of her application for legal aid for her application for judicial review.

Mr George Warr for the applicant; Mr Charles Utley for the

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY

said that on February 20, 1991

the area director had refused her

the area director had refused her application for legal aid for her to challenge a local authority's decision that she was intentionally homeless since she had not suisified the board, as required under section 15 of the Legal Aid Act 1988 that she had reasonable grounds for taking, defending or being party to proceedings.

Before Mr Justice Kennedy

for taking proceedings for j review so as to be eligible for legal aid, did not apply the same test as a single judge deciding whether to

[Judgment February 21]

Different test

appropriate

social development was suffering and that she was thereby suffering

If a child was not going to achool and was missing her edu-cation it was not difficult to draw the conclusion that if she had gone to school she would have improved her social and intellec-

In relation to whether the harm was significant it was necessary to compare the child with a child with similar intellectual and social development who had gone to school and not merely, as suggested by Mr Turner, with an average child who might or might not have gone to school.

Where a child had suffered harm from not going to school it would follow that either the child was beyond parental control or the parents were not giving the child the care that reasonable

Solicitors: Gardner Leader, Newbury; Mr R. W. J. Garbett, Reading: Griffiths Robertson, Reading. Kidd Rapinet,

Mr Warr submitted that once

Mr warr submitted that dract the a judge had given leave to apply for judicial review, no committee acting reasonably could refuse legal aid on the grounds given, the "legal merits test". It would be challenging the

decision of the single judge (R v Legal Aid Committee, Ex parte

Rondel ([1967] 2 QB 482, 491)). There was substance in Mr Utley's submission that the board

had to apply a different test from that of the single judge. The board was deciding whether or not proceedings should be funded, a matter with which the judge was

Mr Utley's submission that

even if the tests were the same the

area committee still had a duty separately to evaluate the applica-

tion for legal aid seemed to his Lordship unanswerable. It was rare for committees to take a different view from the single

judge but the decision of the committee was not irrational.

Solicitors: Mr Paul Johnson.

Sums held in common fund

Vaughan and Others v Bar-low Clowes International Ltd. and Others

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice [Judgment July 17]

Sums invested in Barlow Clower International Ltd (BCI) Portfolio Nos 28 and 68 were part of a common fund and therefore the remaining assets would be held on trust for all unpaid investors pari passu rateably in proportion to the amounts due to them and the rule in Clayton's Case ((1816)

 Mer 572) would not apply.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Mr G.-C.
Robson on behalf of various. investors in BCI against an order of Mr Justice Peter Gibson that assets held in specified investment accounts were held on trust for investors who upon the application of the rule in Clayton's Case could be shown to be entitled to trace into such sur

Judgment was given in July but not released for publication until conclusion of criminal ecdings against those inolved in the management of

Mr Robert Walker, QC and Mr David Unwin for Mr Robson: Mr Michael Hart, QC and Mr Michael Nield for Chiltington Ltd, on behalf of investors opposing the appeal; Mr Mark Lucraft for the Serious Fraud Office.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON

Case provided that when sums were mixed in a bank account as a result of a series of deposits the money was regarded as having being withdrawn in the same

order as it had been deposited.

It was submitted for the appellant that all investors who contributed to the two portfolios were contributing to common funds in which all investors were to participare and that by analogy with Research British Red Cross Balkan Fund [1914] 2 Ch 419) and Re Hobourn Asto Components Ltd. Hobourn Aero Components Ltd Air Raid Distress Fund [1946] Ch 86). Clayton's Case should not

It was therefore necessary to consider the basis on which investors contributed to the port-

The wording on the application forms seemed to be compatible with investment in a scheme of the nature of a unit trust in gilts and not merely with investment on the basis that earmarked investments would be held for the sole account of the investor. What was envisaged was some form of common fund in which all

investors would in some way participate. Moneys which had been outributed for investment but which had not been invested by the time BCI went into liquidation were to be regarded as the uninvested part of the common

conclusion, after considerable hesitation, because it was nec-essary to consider the nature of

the transaction as the investors intended it to be at the outset when they paid their money to BCI not the very different circumstances of the actual outcome, of which, when they contributed,

they knew nothing. For the same reason moneys which had been misapplied in the purchase of a yacht were also part of the common investment fund. Accordingly Clayton's Case was not to be applied in the distribution of the available assets and money.

His Lordship rejected Mr Walker's wider submission that while the rule in Clayton's Case was valid and useful where what was in question was the appropriation of payments as between the parties to a running account. it was illogical and unfair to the earlier contributors to apply the

rule as between innocent beneficiaries, whose payment to a third party had been paid by that third party into a bank account in which there were, for whatever reason, not enough moneys left to met all claims.

The decisions of the Court of

Appeal established and recognised a general rule of practice that Clayton's Case was to be applied when several benefi-ciaries moneys had been blended in one bank account and there was a deficiency.
It was not for the court to reject

that long established general LORD JUSTICE WOOLF, agreeing, summarised his approach as follows:

Regina v Grafton (Steven)

Regina v Grafton (Anthony)

It was not unfair to order a re-trial

even three and a half years after

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggan, Mr Justice Hunchison and Mr Justice Laws)

the relevant events took place.

1 While the rule in Clayton's Case was prima facie available to determine the interests of investors in a fund to which their investments had been paid, the use of the rule was a matter of convenience and if its application in particular circumstances would be impractical or result in injustice between the investors it would not be applied if there was a

preferable alternative. 2 Here the rule would not be applied because that would be contrary to either the express. inferred or presumed intention of

the investors. If the investments were required by the terms of the investment contract to be paid into a common pool that indicated than the investors did not intend to apply the rule.

If the investments were intended to be separately invested, as a result of their being collectively misapplied by BCI a common pool was created. Because of their shared misfortune the invesiors would be assumed to have intended the rule not to apply.

3 As the rule was inapplicable the approach which should be adopted by the court depended on which of the possible alternative solutions was the most practicable in the circumstances. In the circumstances the pari passu

Lord Justice Leggatt delivered a concurring judgment

Solicitors: Clyde & Co: Clifford

later not unfair

On March 17, 1991 Mr Justice. On March 17, 1997 Mr Joseph Popplewell gave her leave, on consideration of the papers only, to apply for judicial review. On April 23, 1991 the area **Protection purpose** Re-trial three years committee of the legal aid board, who had been told of the judge's decision, dismissed her appeal of regulations against the area director's de-

Regina v Sanyo Electrical Manufacturing (UK) Ltd

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Mr Justice Rose, sitting in the
Court of Appeal with Lord Lane,
Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Lord Chief Justice and Mr Justice Potts, on February 24, so stated in the judgment of the court dismissing an appeal by Sanyo Electric Manufacturing (UK) Ltd against two fines each of £10,000 imposed at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court by Mr Recorder Anton Lodge, QC, on pleas of guilty to two offences of contravention of regulation 2 and the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 in failing to prevent danger from electrical conductors danger from electrical conductors at their factory at Newton Aycliffe, Durham, assembling

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The Secretary of State for the Environment was under no dury to consider the possible damage to the green belt before turning down an application for planning permission for development within the green belt on the basis that the proposed development could be carried out outside the

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Steyn

and Sir Christopher Slade) so held on February 24 in dismiss-ing an appeal by Scottish & Newcastle Breweries plc from an order made by Mr Justice Roch on November 2, 1990.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that if the secretary of state was not satisfied the proposed development could not be carried out on non-green belt land, he was not required to carry out a further balancing exercise to consider the degree of damage to the green belt that the proposed

so stated on February 21 after allowing appeals by Steven Nicholas Grafton and Anthony Horace Grafton against the convictions in February 1990 at Chelmsford Crown Court (Judge conspiracy to commit burglary, for which they each received total sentences of 10 years

LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that in R v Saunders (1973) 58 Cr App R 248) it had been held that it was not in the interests of justice to order a re-trial three nd a half years after the offences had taken place.

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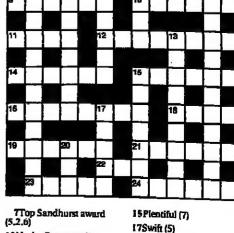
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9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (9135631) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Paul and Jeanne Rankin prepare noisettes of lamb with a herb and ofive crust (8288167)

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10.00 News, regional news and weather (8102877) 10.05 Playdays (r) (8698902) 10.25 Bump (r) (8105964) 10.35 No Kidding. Family quiz game show (s) (9658631)

11.00 News, regional news and weather (4330631) 11.05 Travel Show Extra. Reports on Lyme Regis in Dorset, Matlock in the Peak District of Derbyshire, the Douro Valley region of Portugal and the King Ludwig Way in southern Bavaria (3295457) 11.30 People Today. With the regular Friday guests, Nina Myskow, Nigel Dempster and Russell Grant. Includes News, regional news and weather at 12.00 r9064070) reather at 12.00 (9064070)

12.20 Pebble Mill presented by Alan Titchmarsh. Guests include film buff Barry Norman (s) (2791099) 12.55 Regional News and weather (60316983)

1.00 One O'Clock News and weather (19148) 1.30 Neighbours ax) (s) (13424803)

1.50 Film: Diamond Head (1962) starring Charlton Heston, Yvette Mimieux and George Chakiris. Silly melodrama about an ambritious Hawaii plantation owner who finds his political career put in jeopardy by his sister's decision to marry a native. Directed by Guy Green (19361780)

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(r) (4044761) 4.30 Hangar 17. Comedy and music (s) (8377457) 4.55 Newsround Extra. How many pop acts really perform live? (5347631) 5.05 Grange Hill. (Ceefax) (s) (8833457) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (672780). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (419)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (159). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. Michael Ball, who represents the UK in this year's Song for Europe, discusses the competition; and Altovise Davis talks about life with her late husband Sammy Davis Jr. Music is provided

by Lisa Stansfield (s) (3815)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes an Item on how San Francisco surgeons are saving defective human hearts by burning holes in them. (Ceefax) (s) (983) 8.00 in Sickness and in Health. Alf Garnett and Mrs Hollingbery strike

a bargain in tonight's episode of Johnny Speight's enduring comedy. Alf agrees to hang one of Mrs Hollingbery's holy pictures on the wall if she agrees to cut his toenails. Starring Warren Mitchell and Carmel McSharry. (Ceelax) (s) (9235)

8.30 Caught in the Act. Another collection of home video disasters, introduced by Shane Richie. (Ceelax) (s) (1070)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (8964)

9.30 Love Hurts. The final episode of Maurice Gran's and Laurence Marks's lighthearted romantic drama finds Tessa (Zoë Wanamaker) in Africa on a mission of mercy and Frank (Adam Faith) in London, deep in business troubles and reassessing their relationship (Coefety) (e) (920000)

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10.20 Film: Silkwood (1983). A powerful reconstruction of the story of Karen Silkwood (Meryl Streep), a factory worker who discovered the bruth about the dangers of exposure to plutonium and met a mysterious death in a car crash. Kurt Russell and Cher co-star. Directed by Mike Nichols. (Ceefax) (74920254). Northern Ireland: Sportscene 10.45 Tina Turner Special 11.45-1.20am Film: Rasputin — The Mad Monk (1966) starring Christopher Lee. Flamboyant, wildly inaccurate Hammer version of the life of the Russian monk who exercised a sinister influence over the Romanov dynasty. Directed by Don Sharp (7347823) Romanov dynasty. Directed by Don Sharp (7347823) 1.55 Weather (7611755)



Musical interlude on Wogan: singer Lisa Stansfield (7.00pm)

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Language and Literature (8145254). Ends at 7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (9882254). 8,15 Westminster. A round-up of news from both Houses (8942322).

9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
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 2.20 Sport on Friday presented by Helen Rollsson. The line-up is — Golf: highlights of the Nissan Los Angeles open from California; Rugby Union: previews of tomorrow's five nations' matches — England v Wales and Scotland v France; Football: a look forward to the FA Cup sixth round matches and a review of the week's company. Mith News and unpiles at 2.00 and 3.50 (200915)

games. With News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (398815) 4.00 Catchword. Paul Coia with another round of the game for wordsmiths (612)

4.30 Seabrook's Year. The second of a five-part series following a year in the life of Richard Seebrook, shepherd and freelance farmworker. This atternoon — spring (r) (896)

5.00 A Question of Sport. With Roger Black, Bill Beaumont, Ginny Leng, Craig Chalmers, Alan Smith and Gary Wilkinson (r). (Ceetax)

(s) (1693) 5.30 Top Gear. includes a look at the challenge faced by Ford's XR3i; the new tyre-tread depth regulations; and a journey through California in a Mustang (148)
6.00 Thunderbirds. Cult space-age puppet series created by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson. (Ceefex) (465419)
6.50 Dr Who. Episode one of the Sea Devils, a six-part adventure from

the 1970s with Jon Pertwee in the title role. (Ceefax) (525761)
7.15 Open Space: London — A Call For Action. Shadow arts minister
Mark Fisher, MP, and architect Sir Richard Rogers follow the Thames from east to west on a double-decker bus and point out where they think urban planning has failed (393148) 8.00 Public Eye. John Andrew reports from Manchester on one

councit's fight to collect the poll tax and the long-term impact of non-payment (7877)

Gardeners' World. Stephen Lacey looks at herbs in his queet for garden fragrance; and Geoff Hamilton demonstrates new methods of pruning roses (9612)



Comic anecdotes, songs and sketches: Victoria Wood (9.00pm) 9.00 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV. More comedy from Victoria

Wood's first series shown in 1986. With Julie Walters, Celia Imrie and Dora Bryan (r) (6506) 9.30 Arena: Croatia — the Artists' War.

 CHCCE: A loosely structured but often poignant film from Yugoslavia shows how artists in Croatia have been responding to the largest land war in Europe since 1945. Partly it is the story of the Art Brigade, a group of actors, poets, painters and musicians formed to fight on the front line. Forbidden by the Croatian formed to fight on the front line. Forbidden by the Croatian government to take up arms, the group entertains troops with a travelling cabaret while still prepared to join the battle if necessary. Meanwhile the 70-year-old Ivan Rabuzin, Croatia's leading artist, ponders the war from the isolation of the village he has never left. His paintings, stylissed representations of the beauty of nature, are being stored underground for safety. His house is bare without them. He hopes he will live to see the conflict resolved (40051) 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (126631) 11.15 What the Papers Say presented by Richard Littlejohn of The Sun (387490). Wales: Wales in Westminster 11.45-12.00 What the Papers Say

11.30 Scrutiny, Iain McWhirter exemines the work of parliar committees (*1524) 12.00 Weather (*7415484)

12.05em Film: Where the Sun Beats (1989) sterring Laura Morante.

Portuguese drama about a young man who goes to visit his married sister on her husband's farm and discovers hidden passions amid the rural idyff. Directed by Joaquam Pinto (*7340910).

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9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association game presented by Lennie Bennett (9395167) 9.55 Themes News (6250254)

10.00 The Time... The Place... John Stapleton chairs a topical

discussion (6709631)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series (45/8148)
12.10 Rainbow. Learning series for pre-echool children (9471506)
12.30 News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle) Weather (7850148) 1.10 Thames News (77213051)
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angel, here helping a father come to terms with his long-time angel, here hasping a rather come to terms with his long-time unconscious son. With Eli Wallach (7328148)
3.15 ITN News headlines (3752341) 3.20 Thames News headlines (3759254) 3.25 The Young Doctors (8130506)
3.55 Cartoon featuring Porky Pig (r) (4794490) 4.05 Timy Toon Adventures. Cartoon (5001167) 4.25 Truckers. Animated adventure series (5246273) 4.40 Spatz. Comedy drama series set

in a fast-food restaurant (3859457)

5.10 Home and Away (r) (Oracle) (8827896) 5.40 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (850631) 5.55 6 O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough and Joanna Sheldon.

Among tonight's guest are musician and comedy actor Dudley Moore and comedians Hale and Pace (686780) 6.55 The Day Twenty-four hours in the life of an ordinary citizen (160983)

7.00 The Help Squad. Viewers problems tackled by Michael Parkinson and his team (8983)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (821)
8.00 Surgical Spirit. Benign hospital comedy starring Nichola McAuliffe as an imperious consultant causing trouble for the rest of the hospital staff (Oracle) (7831)

hospital staff. (Oracle) (7631) nospital start. (Crace) (1901)

8.30 Second Thoughts. Perceptive comedy starting James Bolam and Lynda Beillingham as a couple contemplating marriage for the second time. This week they wonder if the romance has gone out of their lives since they have started living together. (Oracle) (a)



Rich pickings: John Stride tempts Rosalind Bennett (9.00pm)

O Growing Rich.

O CHOICE: For all its attempts to invoke Faust, fortune telling and other excursions into the mythological and the supernatural, Fay Weldon's charms is looking increasingly like a piece of standard feminism. Having falled their A levels, her three heroines are even more determined to escape their dull East Anglian town. The script hardly offers them a rich range of choica. Carmen (Rosalind Bennett) is at least spirited enough to resist the rich and insecure Sir Bennard (John Stride), only to end up in a chicken factory. Laura (Caroline Harker) is heading for a shotgun marriage to the boy next door and Annie (Claire Hackett) looks like falling victim to a New Zealand sheep farmer. And all the while the Devil Lurks, in the sinister oulse of chauffeur Martin Kerno. The cirts seem not to have sinister guise of chauffeur Martin Kerno. The girls seem not to have a chance, though there are four more episodes to go. (Oracle) (s)

10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alestair Stewart. (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alester Stewart. (Oracle)
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10.40 The London Programme. Trevor Philips investigates whether the
government's education reforms are working in London (471693)
11.15 Married . . . with Children. Domestic cornedy (946803)
11.45 Dial Midnight. Phone-in show including a dating service and an
in-house psychic. Plus guest Dudley Moore (182612)
1.05am The James Whale Radio Show. The inaccible chat show
hosts makes life uncomfortable for another collection of phone-in

callers (s) (2403571)

2.10 American Gladiatora. More tests of muscle and ingenuity (5192200) 3.10 Cinematiractions. The latest news from the American movie scene (37806945)

3.40 Raw Power. Rock video magazine (s) (4471113)

4.35 Garrison's Gorillas. Second world war drams series about a

group of irregular American army men on active service in Europe behind enemy lines (6308025) 5.30 TTN Morning News with Phil Romen (99620). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (3758273) 9.25 Schools (54145983) 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sarah Baxter. Includes Sir Robin Day interviewing a leading politician (23780) Business Daily. The latest news and comment from the world's

financial centres (75631)

1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning series (70186)

2.00 Film: Virginia City (1940, b/w). The Errol Flyrin season continues with this civil war western in which Flyrin plays a Union officer ordered to prevent a shipment of gold reaching the Southern lines. A strong supporting cast includes Randolph Scott, Humphrey Bogart and Miriam Hopkins. Directed by Michael Curtiz (40734593)

4.15 Film: Joe Michaelae (1940, b/w). Cornedy short starring George financial centres (75631) 4.15 Film: Joe McDoakes (1940, b/w). Comedy short starring George O'Hankin as a man who sets out to break all the casino banks from

Les Vegas to Monte Carlo (5248631) 4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley presents another round of the

4.30 Columnown. Hickard without 1964)
words and numbers game (s) (964)
5.00 Cutting Edge: Looking for Bilty. A documentary about his family's search for Bilty Dunne, who disappeared without trace in Dublin in June 1987 but has since been in contact following Monday's programme (r) (5896)

6.00 Happy Days. Nostalgic high school comedy series set in 1950s Milwauke, starring Henry Winkler (457) 6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. Includes singer Barry White (s)

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7.09)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Dermot Mumaghan and Zeinab Badawi.
(Teletact) Weather (201693) 7.50 First Reaction (453490)
8.00 Brookside. Scap set in suburban Merseyside (Ceefax) (s) (5273)
8.30 Short Stories: Stranger In the Family.

• CHOICE: Ewa Cieszawska's film is hardly comfortable viewing but brain damage is not a confortable subject. Neil Fitzwilliam had a busy life as an actor, dancer and charity worker when he was involved in a serious car accident. He made an almost complete physical recovery but sustained brain injuries that changed his priyacal recovery but austained that injuries a sample has personality. His wife, Adrienne, and two young sons have to endure a Jekyll and Hyde character, sweet and tender one moment and impossibly abusive the next. He cannot work and has little memory. The film records with stark initimacy Neil's rages and

little memory. The film records with stark initimacy Neal's rages and Adrienne's anguish and is powerful testimony to the willingness of ordinary people to expose their inner lives to the camera (4780). Cheers. More Boston bar-room comedy starring Ted Danson, Kratie Alley and, tonight, Celeste Holm. (Teletext) (s) (4902). Flowering Passions. Gardening series presented by Anna Pavord. This week top growers pick their blooms for the Chesterfield Chrysenthemum and Dahlia show (r). (Teletext) (62167).



Making light of serious issues: Roseanne Arnold (10.00pm)

 CHOICE: Roseanne Barr is now called Roseanne Arnold and her • CHOICE: Roseenne Barr is now called Roseanne Arnold and her figure is a little trimmer, but addicts of the show can be assured that otherwise nothing has changed. Rasping one-liners, often followed by pregnant silences, are still the style as we follow the all-American blue-coller family through the tensions and embarrassments. The main source of conflict tonight is over teenage daughter Becky's desire to go on the pill. It is a classic example of Roseanne's ability to use the comedy format for a serious issue. We laugh but this is really no joke. As always the strengths of the show include the economy of the writing, which manages the maximum wit from the fewest words, and the perfect streight man in John Goodman as Roseanne's lumbering husband. (Teletext) (5) (31709) (Teletext) (s) (31709)

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19.39 Whose Line is it Anyway? Ad-fb comedy series hosted by Clive Anderson. With Ryen Sities and Greg Proops (40457)

11.06 The Word, With guests including actress Tara Fitzgerald and the Red Hot Chill Peppers (a) (12235)

12.00 Film: Pinit Floyd — The Wall (1982). The Rock on the Box season continues with Alan Parker's musical drama based on the Pink Floyd album "The Wall" centred on the life of a pop star, played by Peb Coldet (741001).

Bob Geldof (711991) 1.45em Tonight with Jonathan Rose (r) (s) (76303). Ends et 2.15

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Rogers discovers that her flamos in a criminal (205235) 10.15 Conduct Unbecoming (1975): A soldier is accused of indecent assault. Staring Midhael York (325099) 12.15 The Truth About Worsen (1957): A man recalls his amorous exploits (690815) 4.15 Time Fighters in the Land of Fernisey: Children's adventure (579883) 9.15 Born Free (1965): Kenyan wildlife adventure staring Virginis MicKenna and Sa Travara (588419) 9.15 A Show of Force (1980): Journalist Anty Irving Investigates the marker of two Puerio Filcan restonalists (28872896) 9.50 Wheels of Terror (1990): A black car terrorises a areal town (6848418)

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10.00em The Great Asserices Gameshows (3674902) 10.50 Coffee Break (5967148) 10.55 Getting Rt. (5737542) 11.26 Great Chefe of New Orleans (9034525) 12.00 Safly Jessy Rephael (2314148) 12.50pm Star Time (5705849) 12.55 Search for Tomorrow (4416490) 1.20 Skyways (7559070) 2.20 Litestyle Plus (374214322) 2.20 Power His USA (5299863) 3.25 Country Ways (9452983) 3.50 Tes Break (2391419) 4.00 Dick Ven Dyka Show (3654) 4.30 The Great American Gemestows (5757254) 5.25 Doc (6428712,8.00 Safe-Vision (8403832) 10.00 Julisbox Music Videos (7547457) 2.00em Lest Julisbox Denoe (61755)

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RADIO 3

8.55em Weather; News Hasdlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Boyce (Symphony No 7 in B flat: Bournemouth Sinfonietts under Ronald Thomas); Telemann (Don Quixote)

Prokoñev (Lieutenent Kijé)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week:
Thomas Tallis. Rigmember Not
(Tallis Scholars under Peter
Philips); Magnifloent and
Nunc Dimittis (Cholr of New
College, Oxford under Edward
Higginbottom); O secrum
convivium (Hilliard Ensemble);
Fantasia (Fretwork); Salvator
mundi I (Taverner Consort
under Parrott); Felfx namque I

Parrott)
9.35 A Scandinavian Sequence:
Ludvig Norman (Overhure,
Antony and Cleopatre;
Heisingborg SO under HansPeter Frank); Griag (Two Waltz,
Caprices, Op 37: Anthony
Geldetone and Carriline

Sinding (Suite for plane dust, Op 35) 11.25 BBC Philhermonic under

perform Schubert (Ganymed; Versunken; Erster Verlust; Auf dem See; Wilkommen und Abschled); Wolf (Der Knebe und des Immelein; Begegnung; Der Jäger;

und des Immelein;
Begegnung; Der Jäger;
Verborgenheit; Abschled)
3.20 Youth Orchestra of the
World: Royal Northern College
of Music String Orchestra
under Malcolm Layfield
performs Suk (Serenade for
strings); John Adams (Shaker:
Loope); Arthur Biss (Music for
strings), Introduced by leaders
of the violin, viola and cello
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5.00 Malaty for Pleasure: From
Cardiff, with Metookn Singer
6.30 The Honley-Tonic Men: The
second of five programmes.
Francis William Smith explores
the work of the blues plantat
Walter Roland from Alabams
7.00 News.

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7.05 Third Ear: Andrew GrahamDixon chairs a discussion on
the role of memory-and
imagination in the work of
contemporary satisfs
7.30 BBC Welsh SQ: Live from the
Branchuse Half Swarssa. Brangwen Hali, Swansea, Tadaeki Otaka conducts 180881 Oterta conducts
Rossini (Overture, The
Thieving Magpie); Grieg (Piano
Concerto in A minor, Op 16;
Kathnyn Stott), 8,10 Bo
Carpelan's Sibelius. During
the interval, Alastair Niven
considers the literature of
Finland, 8,30 Sibelius
(Symphony No 2 in D, Op 45)
9,25 Hosebud in the Snow: Philip
French exolores the

tackground to Orson Welles's Citizen Kene (r) 10.25 Genssen Keyboard Music: Continuing its exploration of keyboard music of the late ensissance period, Timothy oberts examines the Italian fluence on German Roberts exe

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Varèse talks about his pioneering work for orchestra and "magnetic tape of electronically organised sounds", which is then played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Hans Zender 11.30 News.

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Rossini (1)

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1.00-2.25 Hight School (except in Scotland) (as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

(a) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 8.00 News Briefing, Incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Par

9.00 Naws 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue

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Lawley's castaway is Dr Stave
Jones (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30sm End of a Line (FM
only): Village Blacksmith

→ CHOICE: Suffolk village
blacksmith Hector Moors, one
of a fast-disappearing breed,
implies that he will go to his
grave hugging the secrets of
his ancient casti. But one or
two do manage to sto out this his ancient craft. But one or two do manage to sitp out this morning, including the infallible method of getting a horse to lie down. Not everyone will want to try it out because it means hanging grey loads from a bush until dead, beating them to a powder, and applying it to the beast's shoulder. Smithy lore anast. End of a Line is full of apart, End of a Line is full of rustic common sense. To shoe a horse, says wise old Hector, you do not need to know what

happened in 1056
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Sible (LW only): saish,
David Neal reads the 12th of
16 episodes 10.30 Woman's Hour from the northeast, includes a discussion on the future of coat, the drama and literature surrounding the mining industry; and a report on Thurcroft Colliery in south Yorkshire. Incl 11.00 News

11.30 The Natural History
Programme: Botanist David
Mitchel gives a plant's-eye
view of nature
12.00 You and Yours, with John

12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper 12.55 1.00 The World at One, with Nick

Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.08 Classic Seriet: Buddenbrooks — The Decline of a Family. The third of a six-part adaptation of Thomas Mann's novel (s) (r)

3.00 Special Assignment
3.30 Booksheft: Nigel Forde
explores the life of the 18thcentury writer Mary Delaney
through a new collection of letters; and Emma Tennant, author of a new novel that retells the Faust legend, recalls her first book

4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews painter Maggi Hambling's exhibition at the Bernard Jacobson Gallery, talks to the planist Fou Ts'ong; and Jean Binta Breeze reads a selection of

her poetry (s)
4.45 Short Story: Madame Zilinsky and the King of Finland, by Carson McCullers. Read by

Carson McCullers. Read by Shelley Thompson (r)

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places: The transport programme visits the Geneva motor show

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 8.05 Pick of the Week (FM only), with Chris Serle

7.20 Woman's Hour (LW only) (r)

8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarks is joined in Hull by Gordon Brown, trade and industry shedow spokesman; Juliet Lodge, European Woman of the Year; and Alan Sked, historian

8.50 Law In Action, with Marcel Berlins

8.39 Law an account, what makes
Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Whose Bottom
is it Anyway? Paul Alien talks
to Mike McShane about his
role in The Pocket Dream at
the Nottingham Playhouse (8)

9.45 Letter from America by Alisteir Cooke Alistair Cooke 10.00 The World Tonight, with 10.00 Time wond Tonger, with Hookn Lusting (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Last Days of William Shakespeare, by Vlady Kociancich (final

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11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news with Sally Grace, Bill Walls, Alisteir McGowan, and Chris Stanton (s)

11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Paylon (s)

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (L.W only)

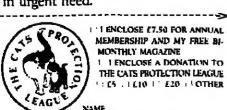
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News on the hour until 7,00pm, 8,00am World Service 6,30 Danny Baker's Morning Edition 9.00 Schools: Topic Resources 9.11, 9,15 English 9.11; 9,35 The Music Box: 9,45 Something to Think About; 10,00 Music Worldshop 10,25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10,40 Johnne Walker with The AM Alternative 12,30pm Contibean Megazine 1,00 News Update 1,18 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1,30 BFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squed 2,30 World Service. Global Concerns; 2,45 The International Money Programmer; 3,00 Cuttods, 3,30 Focus on Feith, 4,05 Network LIK 4,35 Five Aside 7,15 A Fishbone of Ferrytales: The Charmed Life, by E Nesbit 7,30 Stage Five (new series) Darren Day visits Boundstone Community College in Lancing, Sussex, in his search for Brush future stars (1 of 12) 8,00 Multitrack I 8,30 Vibe-kine 9,30 They Think it's All Over. Sports quiz 10,10 Rave, and 11,00 Sport 12,00-12,10am News. Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weether News 4.45 Report 4.40 Travel and Weether News 4.55 Report 6.20 Tips for Touristen 5.24 News in German 5.20 Europe Today 5.58 Weather 6.00 News 5.09 News About Bitlann 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Londres Mann 6.59 News 9.05 World Business Report Live 9.15 Global Concerns 9.30 Seven Seas 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News 10.01 Focus on Faith 10.30 Poistos and Pop 11.00 News 4bout Bitlann 12.15 Fourism 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook Live 2.30 Off the Shelf A Passages to India 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 2.05 Outlook Live 2.30 Off the Shelf A Passages to India 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 2.05 Outlook Live 2.30 Off the Shelf A Passages to India 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 2.05 Outlook Live 2.30 Off the Shelf A Passages to India 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 2.05 Outlook Live 3.00 News 4.09 News About Bitlann 4.15 BBC English 4.30 House Aktuel 5.00 News and Business Report 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Sor 6.14 BBC English 6.29 News 6.20 News and Business Report 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Sor 6.14 BBC English 6.29 News 6.00 News 4.05 News 4.00 News 4.00 News 1.05 Outlook Invest 1.05 News and Business Report 11.30 News 10.00 News 1.05 Outlook Invest 1.05 News and Business Report 11.15 Worldone! 11.30 Nultitrack 3 12.00 News and Business Report 11.15 Worldone! 11.30 Nultitrack 3 12.00 News 4.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.00 News 1.05 News 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.00 Ne

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7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Wiren (Serenade for Strings);
Falla (Harpsichord Concerto);
Prokoñev (Lieutenant Kijé)

under Parrott); Felix namque I (Robert Wooley, organ); Selvetor mundi II; Spem in alium (Taverner Choir under

Goldstone and Caroline Clemmow, piano duet); Gade (Novelette No 1 for strings, Op 53: Aarhus CO under Ove Vedsten Lersen); Berwald (Minnen af Norska Fjällen, for plano duet); Hertmann (Seranade for Clarinet, cello and piano, Op 24: Fynske Trio); Stenhammer (Florez och Blanzellor: Swedish RSO

11.25 BBC Philhermonic under
Bertnard Klee performs
Britten (Four Sea Interludes,
Peter Grimes); Strauss (Otoce
Concerto: Maurica Bourgue);
Brahms (Symphony No 4)

1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from
Manchester: Live from Studio
7, the planist Martin Roscoe
plays Berg (Sonata, Op 1);
Schoenberg (Six Little Pieces,
Op 19); Debussy (Images,
Book 2); Szymanowski
(Masques, Op 34)